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THE FIFTEENTH

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum

COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1902.

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## BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

### FIFTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

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### FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 7th, 1902

During the year ended March 31st, 1902, there were issued from the Free Public Library more than 115,000 works, an increase of over 9,000 on the previous year. This is the largest output of books since the opening of the Library, and the following summary of the issues year by year shows, with but slight intermission, the steady growth of that institution in public favour:—

1887-88 (4½ months) ... ..	9,354	1895-96 ... ..	88,798
1888-89 ... ..	42,509	1896-97 .. ...	102,200
1889-90 ... ..	50,043	1897-98 ... ..	108,390
1890-91 ... ..	56,710	1898-99 ... ..	112,782
1891-92 ... ..	65,727	1899-1900 ... ..	103,180
1892-93 ... ..	72,632	1900-1901 ... ..	106,355
1893-94 ... ..	75,385	1901-1902 .. ..	115,657
1894-95 ... ..	78,353		

The issue of works of fiction was 68·2 of the total, in 1900-1901 70·7. The daily average issue of books was 388. In certain classes other than fiction, the circulation has preceptibly increased during the past five years. This gratifying result is mainly attributable to the second ticket for non-fictional use, and to the special teacher's ticket.

Some 814 books have been added to the Library, and 304 worn copies replaced. The additions, owing to other pressing demands, have not been quite so numerous as formerly. Although the accessions were fewer, the high quality of the stock has been fully upheld.

There has been an increase of 46 in the number of teachers availing themselves of the facilities afforded by the teacher's card, 227 of which are now in active use. This privilege has called forth hearty appreciation.

The quarterly *Journal* has been regularly issued and the sales have shown an upward tendency. It continues to be highly valued as a periodical supplement to the catalogue. Several numbers are entirely out of print.

There has been a substantial increase in the visits paid to the reading rooms, and the News Room was, in consequence, frequently overcrowded, especially in cold and wet weather. If the present undesirable state of affairs continue, it may be pertinent to consider the advisability of establishing a branch reading room in connection with the proposed open space in Derby Road, in order to minimise the discomfort alluded to.

The Marsh Lane Branch is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that the Library and Reading Room will be available for public use about the date of the coronation.

Much useful work has been accomplished in the Museum. The walls of the Art Room have been embellished by twelve pleasing examples of the etcher's art; and the Middle Upper Room has been rendered additionally attractive by a collection of choice photographs of familiar trees, as well as by a goodly number of examples of merchandise, admirably adapted for object lessons. Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. John Morgan, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, the collection of corals in the Bird Room has been appreciably augmented, and the specimens properly named. These interesting and varied exhibits have all been carefully labelled and suitably displayed.

A grant of some of the publications of the British Museum, to the value of £70, has been made to the Free Library by the Trustees of the national institution. The concession is both significant and valuable, and will not be without further benefit in the near future.

The fifteenth season of free popular lectures has been conspicuously successful. Large and appreciative audiences were the invariable rule.

The Bootle Literary and Philosophical Society has completed another session of useful work in one of the basement rooms of the Library.

Other particulars of the work done during the period covered by this report may be gleaned from the report of the Librarian and Curator, which follows.

A statement of accounts is also added by the Borough Accountant.

Dated this 24th day of April, 1902.

JAMES J. MACK,

*Chairman.*

FIFTEENTH GENERAL REPORT  
OF THE  
LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR  
PRESENTED TO THE  
FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,  
APRIL 24TH, 1902.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the work of the several departments of the Free Library and Museum during the period April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902, as under:—

THE READING ROOMS have been very largely attended, more so than in the previous year. The estimated attendances, based on an hourly count, are given at page 10, and a list of newspapers and periodicals provided is furnished at page 11. An additional reading stand has been placed in the News Room, and the tables have been re-arranged. These changes have conduced to a more orderly appearance in this much used apartment. The exhibition of a series of topographical drawings of scenes of local interest has lent an added brightness to the Magazine Reading Room. Appropriate descriptive labels were prepared and affixed to each of the pictures.

THE LIBRARY—The table at page 10 gives the statistics of additions to stock and the use made of the Library. 814 volumes were added during the year. 304 have been replaced as worn-out or condemned, 26 of these were destroyed by fire because returned from houses where the Medical Officer had reported infectious disease to exist. 943 volumes were bound or re-bound, and 490 re-sewn or covered anew. Minor repairs to numerous books were effected by the staff. The daily average issue of books was 388, an increase of 31 over the issues of 1900-1901. The present number of borrowers is 3,181; of these 982 have availed themselves of the advantage of the second ticket for non-fictional use. 227 teacher's tickets have been issued, thus bringing up the number of tickets in force to 4,163.

3,365 issues of books to scholars in the Bedford Road Board School were recorded during the year, 2,704 to the Hawthorne Road Board School, and 3,075 to the Salisbury Road Board School.



777 written or personal applications were made to borrowers for the return of overdue books, but in only seven cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Six books were lost during the period under review.

The accessions to the Library have been noted in the successive lists of the quarterly *Journal*, which is now the recognised supplement to the catalogues previously published.

The Library has been favoured with a special donation of books and prints from the Trustees of the British Museum. The gift proved a most acceptable contribution to the Reference Department.

The undermentioned publications were compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian and issued :—

“Some books in the Free Library useful to workers in the Timber Trade.” (6 pages).

“Catalogue of books for the Young” (90 pages).

Many encouraging notices concerning the utility of these publications have appeared in the public press.

The work of preparing a supplement to the General Catalogue has proceeded apace. The copy will shortly be placed in the hands of the printer.

It is gratifying to be able to record a further increased use of the Reference Library on the part of teachers and students. A large amount of helpful research work has been accomplished on their behalf.

The Headmaster of the Municipal Intermediate Day School has made profitable use of certain works in the Library to illustrate lectures on historical themes.

Advantage has occasionally been taken of the museum cases to display valuable books of reference relating to the arts and crafts. These volumes have frequently been called for. Some pleasing pencil studies of old-time scenes on the North Shore have also been on view.

THE MUSEUM—A fair share of useful work has been executed in the Museum. The attractions of the Middle Upper Room have been considerably enhanced by the addition of some 700 specimens illustrative of merchandise derived from the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms. These neat exhibits have been carefully labelled, classified, and displayed. A series of choice

photographs of typical tree forms, in their summer and winter aspects, with enlarged views of the bark, leaves, flowers and fruit, have also been exhibited in the same apartment. The educative value of these photographs has been recognised by high authorities.

Through the kindness of a member of the Museums' Association, the collection of corals, in the Bird Room, has been added to, and the various specimens properly named.

Special visits have been paid to the Museum by senior pupils from the Arnot Street Board School, Walton, and from St. Alexander's School, Kirkdale. Lantern-illustrated addresses were given by the Curator to each group. It is to be regretted that more schools do not avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting local museums, seeing that the Board of Education now permit the visit to register as a school attendance. Objects have been lent to Christ Church School, Gray Street Board School, and to the Municipal Technical School for teaching purposes.

THE ART ROOM has been enriched by the addition of twelve superb etchings, all signed artists' proofs, illustrative of British river scenery.

Excepting the withdrawal of the water-colour paintings illustrative of the coronation of George IV, no change has been made this year in the loan collection from the South Kensington Museum.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—The Curator delivered addresses on the following subjects as under :—

#### 1901.

April 11th—Bees and their Work.

October 24th—The Art of the Potter.

November 28th—Man in Early Times.

December 19th—Coal and its Story.

#### 1902.

January 23rd—Some marvels of Insect Life.

February 20th—Wonders of the Sea-Shore.

March 20th—The Gentle Art of Bookbinding.

Each address was illustrated by lantern views and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. Fully 500 persons attended the series. The closing address was rendered especially attractive by a number of

choice examples of the binder's art, very kindly lent by Mr. Cedric Chivers, of Bath, Messrs. Henry Young and Sons, and Mr. S. E. Hodgson, both of Liverpool. The value of the books exhibited amounted to about £200.

FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

<i>1901.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>		<i>Subject.</i>
Nov. 11—REV. E. T. CARRIER, M.A.	...	...	{ Sir Walter Scott: the man, the poet, and the novelist.
Nov. 18—R. S. ARCHER, Esq.	...	...*	{ Through Scotland with Sir Walter Scott.
Nov. 26—F. CLIBBORN, Esq....	...	...*	{ The Loire and the Royal Chateaux of Touraine.
Dec. 2—E. R. DIBDIN, Esq.	...	...*	{ The Pre-Raphaelite Movement: a chapter of English art history.
Dec. 9—W. BENNETT, Esq....	...	...	{ An Evening with Shakespeare, Tennyson, Sheridan, Aytoun, Carleton, and Ward.
Dec. 16—G. E. THOMPSON, Esq.	...	...*	{ By Swiss and Italian waters.
<i>1902.</i>			
Jan. 6—J. H. JACKSON, Esq., F.R.G.S.	...	...*	{ Public Revenues in the Ancient World.
Jan. 13—REV. F. F. GRENSTED, M.A.	...	...*	{ The Growth of a Mountain.
Jan. 20—REV. J. H. MARTYN	...	...*	{ In the Wordsworth Country.
Jan. 27—I. C. THOMPSON, Esq., F.L.S.	...	...*	{ Natural Protective defences of Animals.



1902.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Feb. 3—J. LEE, Esq., B.A.	... ..	{ Humorous Poetry of this Century.
Feb. 10—DR. J. W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	... ..	{ The Queen of British Rivers: the Wye from Plinlimmon to Chepstow.
Feb. 17—REV. T. J. WALSH, B.A., F.R.A.S.	... ..	{ How the study of Ruskin enabled one to enjoy a holiday.
Feb. 24—J. J. KERMODE, Esq.	... ..	{ A Trip to the West Indies.
Mar. 3—A. ALEXANDER, Esq., F.R.G.S.	... ..	{ How to become Healthy and Strong ( <i>illustrated by Physical Exercises.</i> )
Mar. 10—J. HARGREAVES, Esq.	... ..	{ The Hundred of Wirral: historical and picturesque.
Mar. 17—W. HARVEY, Esq.	... ..	{ A scamper through Ireland.
Mar. 24—A. E. WORKMAN, Esq.	... ..	{ The Life and Works of Sir Henry Rowley Bishop ( <i>with selections of Bishop's music.</i> )

\* *Optical Illustrations.*

Upwards of 9,000 persons attended the series. Excellent use was made of the reading lists on the subjects of the Lectures.

STAFF—Willing and efficient service has been rendered by each member of the staff.

CHARLES H. HUNT,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

## LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1901.	Added 1901-1902.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1902.	Issues 1901-1902.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1901.	Added 1901-1902.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1902.	Issues 1901-1902.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1902.	In each Class 1901-1902.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '01-'02.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '00-'01.
Biography ... ..	1243	40	1283	2268	248	10	258	658	1541	2926	2.5	2.2
Philology and Literary History	230	12	242	663	819	54	873	579	1115	1242	1.1	.9
Religion... ..	905	25	930	1488	296	2	298	584	1228	2072	1.8	1.5
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	2191	61	2252	5375	1927	52	1979	1680	4231	7055	6.1	6.3
Mental and Moral Science	164	3	167	245	16	..	16	141	183	386	.3	.3
Poetry ... ..	534	12	546	733	45	..	45	602	591	1335	1.2	.9
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library	5538	250	5788	69942	11	..	11	8944	5799	78886	68.2	70.7
Fine Arts ... ..	286	4	290	941	329	65	394	389	684	1330	1.2	1.3
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1035	11	1046	2145	1048	50	1098	679	2144	2824	2.4	2.1
Technical Literature ... ..	629	20	649	2361	1249	29	1278	1047	1927	3408	2.9	3.0
General and Unclassed Works...	1314	59	1373	9275	606	24	630	3028	2003	12303	10.6	9.1
Local Literature ... ..	..	..	..	..	42	5	47	79	47	79	.1	.1
Music Scores ... ..	342	26	368	1765	..	..	..	46	368	1811	1.6	1.6
Total ... ..	14411	523	14934	97201	6636	291	6927	18456	21861	115657		

*N.B.—No Account is taken in this table of the large use of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference	...	62	Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at	...	234,000
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Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, Reading, 97,760.			(Grand Total, 117,417.		

LIST OF PAPERS AND PERIODICALS  
PLACED IN THE  
FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS

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**DAILIES**—*Dublin*: Irish Times. *Leeds*: Mercury. *Liverpool*: Courier, Journal of Commerce, Mercury, Post, Evening Echo, Evening Express. *London*: Chronicle, Daily Mail, Daily News, Daily Telegraph, Standard, Times. *Manchester*: Guardian. *Edinburgh*: Scotsman.

**WEEKLIES**—Academy, \*Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, \*Architect, Athenæum, \*Atlantic Bargain Bulletin, Black and White, \*Blackpool Gazette and News, \*Blackpool Herald, \*Blackpool Times, \*Board of Trade Journal, \*Bootle Herald, Bootle Times, Builder, Building News, \*Canadian Gazette, \*Catholic Times, \*Church Weekly, \*Civil Service Aspirant, \*Civil Service Candidate, \*Civil Service Competitor, \*Civil Service Weekly, An Claidream Soluis (Gaelic Weekly), Clarion, \*Contract Journal, \*Y Cymro, \*Draper's Record, \*Electrical Investments, Electrical Review, Engineer, Engineering, English Mechanic, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, \*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents), \*Inquirer, Judy, Lady, Lady's Pictorial, \*Lichfield Mercury, Lloyd's News, \*Local Government Chronicle, \*Local Government Journal, \*London Stock Market Report, \*Mining Market Record, Nature, \*New Century, \*Outlook, \*Patents, \*Phonetic Journal, Public Opinion, Punch, Queen, Reynolds' Newspaper, Saturday Review, Scientific American, \*Shipping World, Spectator, Sphere, \*Temperance Chronicle, \*Timber, To-day, Truth, Westminster Budget, Work.

**FORTNIGHTLY**—\*Educational Review, \*University Correspondent.

**MONTHLIES**—\*All the World, \*Animals' Friend, Army List, Atlantic Monthly, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Bradshaw's Railway Guide, \*British Temperance Advocate, \*Brotherhood, \*Busy Bee, Cassell's Family Magazine, Century, Chambers' Journal, \*Child's Guardian, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, Contemporary Review, \*Cook's Excursionist, Cornhill Magazine, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Cymru, \*Deliverer, \*Educational Times, English Illustrated Magazine, \*Epicure, Facts, \*Feilden's Magazine, \*Forester's Miscellany,

Fortnightly Review, Gentleman's Magazine, Girl's Own Paper, Good Words, Great Thoughts, Harper's Magazine, \*Herald of the Golden Age, \*Humanity, Idler, \*Insurance Agent, \*Insurance Spectator, \*Inventor's Review, \*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, \*Labour Chronicle, \*Labour Gazette, \*Ladies' League Gazette, Leisure Hour, \*Liberty Review, \*Literary Guide, \*Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild Gazette, Longmans' Magazine, Macmillan's Magazine, Magazine of Art, \*Mariner, \*Monthly Journal of the Society of Musicians, \*Musical Herald, Musical Times, \*National Cyclists' Union Review, \*Nature Notes, \*New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, \*Optical Magic Lantern, \*Our Own Gazette, Pall Mall Magazine, \*Personal Rights Journal, Photogram, \*Positivist Review, \*Primrose League Gazette, Quiver, \*Register of Deceased Seamen, Review of Reviews, School World, \*Stone Trades Journal, Strand Magazine, Studio, Sunday Magazine, Temple Bar, Temple Magazine, \*Travel, Woman at Home, Young Man, Young Woman, \*Zoophilist and Animals' Defender.

BI-MONTHLY—\*Anti-Slavery Reporter, Y Geninen, \*New Paper.

QUARTERLY—\*Combined Circulars on Canada, the Australasian and South African Colonies, London Quarterly, Y Traethodydd.

OCCASIONAL—\*Caledonian Railway Company's Time Table, \*Glasgow and South Western Railway Company's Time Table, \*Great Central Railway Company's Time Table, \*Great Eastern Railway Company's Time Table, \*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company's Time Table, \*London and North Western Railway Company's Time Table, \*London and South Western Railway Company's Time Table, \*London, Brighton, South Coast and Isle of Wight Railway Company's Time Table, \*Midland Railway Company's Time Table, Portfolio, \*South Eastern Railway Company's Time Table.

*\* All marked thus are presented.*

LIST OF DIRECTORIES AND ANNUALS  
AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE  
FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS

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- Browne's Advertiser's A.B.C. Directory.  
 Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain.  
 Burke's Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage.  
 Clergy List.  
 Gore's Liverpool Directory.  
 Hazell's Annual.  
 \*Jewish Year Book.  
 Kelly's Directory of Birmingham, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcester-  
   shire.  
   ,,   Directory of Building Trades.  
   ,,   Directory of Engineers, Iron and Metal Trades.  
   ,,   Directory of Lancashire.  
   ,,   Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.  
   ,,   Post Office London Directory.  
 Literary Year Book.  
 Liverpool and Birkenhead Official Red Book.  
 Liverpool and District Trades' Directory.  
 \*Macdonald's English Directory and Gazetteer.   2 vols.  
 \*Mather's and Crowther's Practical Advertising (Press Directory).  
 Medical Directory.  
 National Trades' Directory of Great Britain and Ireland.  
 Naval Annual.  
 \*Peck's Circular Trades' Directory (Birmingham and District).  
 Rhodes's Steamship Guide.  
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.  
   ,,   Directory of Scotland.  
 \*Vickers's Newspaper Gazetteer.  
 Walford's County Families of the United Kingdom.  
 Whitaker's Almanack.  
 Who's Who.  
 Year's Art.

*Directories, etc., marked thus \* are presented.*



# LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

## TO THE

### LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS

- AGENT-GENERAL FOR CANADA—"Apple Culture," by W. T. Macoun (2 copies); "Experimental Farms: Reports, 1900"; "Experimental Farms: Evidence of Dr. W. Saunders on Agriculture and Colonization, 1901."
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR QUEENSLAND—"Mining Journal" (2 copies).
- Mr. J. W. ANDERSON (the Author)—"Refrigeration," 1901 (a pamphlet).
- Mr. H. ASCROFT—"Eye's Plan of Liverpool" (Reprint); "Dale Street in 1850."
- BIRMINGHAM FREE LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE—"The Birmingham Free Libraries," by Dr. P. Trommsdorff; "The Birmingham Free Libraries: the Shakespeare Memorial Library, and the Art Gallery," by J. A. Langford, L.L.D.
- BOOTLE SCHOOL BOARD—"Bye-Laws, 1901"; "Reports on Examinations in Religious Knowledge," 1902.
- Mrs. M. A. BREWSTER (the Author)—"Three months' Travels in Egypt and Palestine," 1894.
- BRISTOL MUSEUM—"Report, 1901."
- BRITISH AND FOREIGN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION—"Religious thought in England at the close of the 19th Century," 1901; "The Kingdom of God within," 1901 (pamphlets).
- Mrs. E. BROWN, London—"A Blank Page," by Pilgrim.
- CALEDONIAN RAILWAY Co.—"Through Scotland by the Caledonian Railway," 1901.
- CO-OPERATIVE UNION, LIMITED, Manchester—"The 33rd Annual Co-Operative Congress," 1901.
- Mr. J. J. COULTON—"Paul to the Laodiceans," 1902 (a pamphlet).
- MESSRS. DONALD CURRIE & Co.—"Union-Castle Line Map of South Africa."
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION, Ireland—"School of Art: Prospectus," 1901-1902; "Royal College of Science: Directory," 1901-1902; "Institutions of Science and Art: Report," 1900-1901.
- Mr. E. DERRY (the Author)—"Round the Zodiac" (Sonnets).
- Mr. W. DURIE, Barrow-in-Furness (the Author)—"The Law relating to Tidal and Inland Waters" (Lee Prize Essay) 1900.
- Rev. GRIFFITH ELLIS, M.A.—"The Life and Times of Queen Victoria," by R. Wilson (in parts); "Victoria: ei bywyd hardd fel Gwraig, main, A. Breinhines," by the Rev. Griffith Ellis, M.A.
- Rev. T. ELI EVANS (the Author)—"Hanes Cymanfaeodd Annibynwyr Lerpwl," 1902.
- Mr. W. J. FURNIVAL—"The Conscientious Objector," 1902 (a pamphlet).
- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—"Report on Workingmen's Co-operative Societies in the United Kingdom"; "Second Abstract of Foreign Labour Statistics"; "Seventh Annual Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom, 1899-1900"; "Report on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour, 1900"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-outs of 1900"; "Report on Trades Unions in 1900."
- H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons Papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Librarian.
- IMPERIAL SOUTH AFRICA ASSOCIATION, London—Pamphlets and leaflets relating to South Africa.
- INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS, London—"Register of Members, 1901-1902," 2 vols.
- Rev. E. LESTER, M.A.—"The works of King Charles the Martyr" (vol. 2) 1662; "The Life and Adventures of Mr. Bampfylde-Moore Carew," 1785; "The visions and prophecies of Daniel explained," 1700 (mutilated); "The Holy Bible," 1769 (imperfect); "The works of William Chillingworth," 1719; "Holy Bible," 1825; Fleetwood's "Life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," 1810; Clarke's "History of the Bible" (imperfect).



**LIBRARIES**—*Catalogues* from the following : Bangor, Birmingham, Carnegie Library (Ayr), Kensington (Liverpool), Liverpool, Lyceum (Liverpool), Manchester, Nottingham.

*Bulletins* from : Birmingham, Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Finsbury, Leeds, Manchester, New York (U.S.A.), Nottingham, Perth, Peterborough, Salem (U.S.A.), West Ham.

*Reports* from : Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore City (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Brentford, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Library (Ayr), Cheltenham, Chorley, Colchester, Cork, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Finsbury, Glasgow (Stirling's Library), Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hastings, Hornsey, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leek, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Lyceum (Liverpool), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Perth, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Salford, Shore-ditch, Smetthwick, South Shields, Southampton, Stepney, Stoke Newington, Stuttgart (Germany), Tottingham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wands-worth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, York.

**LIVERPOOL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**—"Transactions," vol. 22, 1901.

**LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE**—"Secondary Education," by Dr. O. Lodge, F.R.S., 1901 (a pamphlet).

**LONDON CITY CORPORATION**—"The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Colonies," 1902.

**MANCHESTER COTTON ASSOCIATION, LTD.**—"Port of Manchester (1708-1901)" 1901.

**MANCHESTER MUSEUM COMMITTEE** (Owen's College)—Museum Handbooks: "Correlation Tables of British Strata"; "Report," 1899-1900.

**Mrs. F. MOND**, London—"Birds of Passage"; "Dramas in Miniature," and "Tarantella" (2 copies), by M. Blind.

**NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN**—"The Miserable Child World: Report, 1901."

**Mr. P. F. Nursey, C.E.**—"The Kew Cowl Tests, 1902" (a pamphlet).

**ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY**—"Scientific Proceedings," vol. 9: parts 3 and 4, 1901; "Scientific Transactions," vol. 7: parts 8 to 13, 1901.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**—"Prospectus, 1901-2."

**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**, Washington, U.S.A.—Annual Reports: 1886, (part 2), 1891, 1894, 1895, 1896 (2 parts), 1897 (2 parts), 1898, 1899 (2 parts), 1900. 15 vols. in all.

**SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS**—"List of Members, etc., 1901-1902."

**Mr. E. J. BURGESS-SOPP** (the author)—"Coleoptera on Snowdon, 1901"; "A Coleopterist in Snowdonia, 1902"; "Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society: Annual Address, 1900"; "British Burying Beetles"; "British Cockchafers"; "British Dumble-dors"; "Some British Diving Beetles." (Pamphlets).

**SOUTH AFRICAN DISTRESS FUND COMMITTEE**—"Report," by E. Hobhouse, 1901.

**MESSRS. SOUTHWELL & Co.** (the publishers)—"Official Retrospective Exhibition of the Development of Harvesting Machinery," 1901.

**Mr. R. STEEL**, Cheshire (the author)—"Imitation, or the mimetic force in nature," 1900.

**SWEDENBORG SOCIETY**—"Foundation truths of the Christian Religion": "The Sacred Scripture"; "The Divine Providence" "Charity"; "Faith and Life"; "Death and Resurrection"; "The Intermediate State and Judgment"; "Heaven"; "Hell"; "The Second Coming of the Lord." (Pamphlets.)

**TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM**—"Hand list of Birds," vol. 2; "The Jurassic Flora (Yorkshire)": part 1; "Catalogue of Welwitsch's African Plants," vol. 2, parts 2 and 4. (See also page 17).

**U.S. GOVERNMENT**—"Agricultural Exports of the United States by countries, 1895-99," by F. H. Hitchcock; "Agricultural Imports of the United States by countries, 1895-99," by F. H. Hitchcock; "Foreign Markets for

American Agricultural Products : testimony of F. H. Hitchcock," 1901 ; "Our Trade with Scandinavia, 1890-1900," 1901 ; "Our Foreign Trade in Agricultural Products, 1891-1900," by F. H. Hitchcock ; "Preliminary Report on the Cape Nome Gold Region of Alaska," by F. C. Schrader and A. H. Brooks, 1900 ; "20th Annual Report of the Geological Survey, 1899," parts 2, 3, 4 and 7, 1900 ; "21st Annual Report of the Geological Survey, 1899-1900," parts 1 and 6, 3 vols., 1900 ; "Reports of the Commissioner of Education, 1898-9," vol 2, 1899-1900, vol. 1.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE— "London University Guide and Calendar, 1901-1902" ; "Prospectus," 1902-3.

Mr. J. WARD, F.S.A., Cardiff—"Our Museum : what might be if"—(a pamphlet).

Mr. J. WARD (per Mr. J. P. BRISCOE), Nottingham—"Nottinghamshire Manuscripts. Transcribed and edited by J. T. Godfrey."

Mr. C. WELLS, J.P.—Plan of Liverpool, 1769, by Perry.

Mr. H. WYATT—"Illustrated London News," 16 vols. ; "Review of Reviews," 15 vols. ; "Harper's Magazine," 16 vols. ; "Pall Mall Magazine," 1 vol. (all unbound) ; A parcel of odd parts of various publications.

Mr. H. WYATT, Jun.—"Navy and Army Illustrated," vols. 1, 2, and 3 (complete) and vols. 4 and 5 (incomplete), (unbound).

Major A. C. YATE, London (the author)—"Lieutenant-Colonel John Haughton," 1900.

YORKSHIRE COLLEGE, Leeds—"Textile Industries, Dyeing and Art Departments," 1899.

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## LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS TO THE FREE PUBLIC MUSEUM

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Mr. G. ASHURST—A puss moth.

Mr. E. ANDERTON HEAN—A sword of Chinese Coins from Hong Kong.

Mr. A. G. HILLHOUSE—Head of a Moose (mounted).

Sergeant R. HULL, Transvaal—Specimens of the Rhinoceros Beetle.

Mr. E. JONES—A Snake.

Mr. E. L. LEWES—A native Canoe.

Mr. J. MORGAN, St. Leonard's-on-Sea—Various specimens of Corals as under :—*Montipora* (2), *Mussa*, *Manicina*, *Herpetolitha*, *Dendrophyllia*, *Goniaster*, *Pocillopora* (2), *Oculina*, *Plexaura*, *Pterogorgia flabellum*, *Lophogorgia* (a fragment), *Tubipora musica*, *Melitodes ochracea* (a fragment), *Melitodes virgata* (a fragment), *Millepora alcornis*,

*Distichopora coccinea*, *Stylaster sanguinea*.

Mr. T. MORGAN—A snake-like Walking Stick.

Messrs. POTTER BROS.—Curiosities from the West Coast of Africa.

Mr. J. W. SCHOLEFIELD, J.P.—Fossils from the Coal Measures.

Mr. W. D. SCHOLEFIELD—A Heron in the flesh.

Mr. W. SWAN—Black Ants from Texas ; one large Spider ; Larvae of wood-boring insects.

Mr. A. S. TRANT—Six specimens of Snakes from Africa.

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## LOANS AND LENDERS

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SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM—*See body of Report.*

## TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM: SPECIAL DONATION.

- Autotype from bronze head of Aphrodite.
- Autotype from North Frieze of Parthenon ; Autotype from Pediment of Parthenon.
- Autotype of articles of Magna Charta ; Autotype of Magna Charta.
- Autotype of Shakespeare deed.
- Benin antiquities.
- Book of the Dead : Hunefer, etc.
- British Museum Catalogue : excerpts—Academies, 5 parts and index. Bible, appendix.
- Bible, parts 1 to 3. Liturgies. Periodical publications, 6 parts and index.
- Catalogue of books to 1640, 3 vols.
- Catalogue of bronzes.
- Catalogue of drawings by British artists, vols. 1 and 2.
- Catalogue of early prints, vols. 1 and 2.
- Catalogue of English coins, vols. 1 and 2.
- Catalogue of engraved gems.
- Catalogue of fans and fan leaves.
- Catalogue of prints and drawings : satires, vols. 1 to 4.
- Catalogue of recent acquisitions to old music.
- Catalogue of Schrieber playing cards.
- Catalogues of vases, vols. 2 to 4.
- Description of ancient marbles, parts 1 to 11.
- Designs from Greek vases.
- Designs from white Athenian vases.
- Excavations in Cyprus.
- Explanation of catalogue.
- Facsimiles of autographs, series 1 to 5.
- Guides—
  - Guide to Archaic Greek sculptures.
  - Guide to Babylonian and Assyrian antiquities.
  - Guide to Chinese and Japanese illustrated books.
  - Guide to coins of Ancients (7 plates).
  - Guide to department of Greek and Roman antiquities.
  - Guide to drawings and sketches by Old Masters, 1901.
  - Guide to English medals (7 plates).
  - Guide to exhibited printed books, 1901.
  - Guide to exhibition galleries, 1897.
  - Guide to exhibition galleries, 1901.
  - Guide to first and second Egyptian rooms.
  - Guide to Italian medals (7 plates).
  - Guide to Luther exhibition.
  - Guide to Mausoleum and sculptures of Halicarnassos and Priene.
  - Guide to MSS., autographs, charters, seals, etc.
  - Guide to MSS., etc., illustrating musical notation.
  - Guide to Nereid Monument, and later Lycian sculpture.
  - Guide to printed books, 1891.
  - Guide to Rembrandt exhibition.
  - Guide to sculptures of Ephesus, etc.
  - Guide to sculptures of Parthenon.
  - Guide to Stowe MSS.
  - Guide to the sculptures by the successors of Pheidias.
  - Guide to Waddesdon Bequest Room.
  - Guide to Wycliffe exhibition.
- Handbook of coins of Great Britain and Ireland.
- Index of artists, vols. 1 and 2.
- Index to charters and rolls, vol. 1.
- List of books of reference.
- List of French Revolution literature.
- The papyrus of Ani, the book of the dead : the Egyptian text, with interlinear translation and translation, by E. A. W. Budge.
- Plan of Reading Room and Description of Reading Room.
- Rules for compiling the catalogues.
- Terracotta sarcophagi.

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1902.

Dr.		Cr.	
RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Borough Rate Account...	2,040 0 0	By LIBRARY—	
„ Technical Instruction Account—		„ Balance as per last Statement ...	207 2 10
Grant ...	300 0 0	„ Interest on Loans ...	249 12 9
„ Fines on Borrowers ...	33 5 10	„ Repayment of Loans ...	517 10 2
„ Sale of Catalogues ...	6 1 0	„ Salaries and Wages of Staff ...	55 10 11
„ Sale of „Journal” ...	5 9 10	„ Cleaners Wages and Chandlery Stores... ..	7 7 11
„ Sale of Tickets ...	0 8 0	„ Uniform for Janitor ...	87 8 5
„ Books Replaced ...	1 0 5	„ Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postage	408 10 6
„ Waste Paper sold ...	0 18 3	„ Books, Bindings, Magazines and Papers ...	73 11 8
„ Bootle Literary & Philosophical Society—Use of Room ...	2 2 0	„ Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	189 15 5
		„ Light, Fuel and Water ...	
		„ Maintenance of Building, Furniture and Repairs ...	18 9 11
	49 5 4	„ Subscription to Library Association ...	1 1 0
		„ Expenses attending Association Meetings ...	10 4 8
		„ Electric Light Fittings and Repairs ...	12 3 10
		„ Indicator Frame and Book Re-fills ...	13 12 2
		„ Lecturers' Fees ...	39 18 0
		„ Lantern Operator and other Lecture Expenses	7 5 5
		„ Constables' Services ...	1 6 3
		„ Printing „Journal” ...	29 16 4
		„ Printing Catalogue (Juvenile) ...	18 8 0
		„ New Bookcase (Wilkinson) ...	17 10 0
		„ Reading Stand (Shaw) ...	15 7 0
		„ Box Telephone for Fire Alarm ...	3 0 7
		1,984 13 9	
		By MUSEUM—	
		„ Subscription ...	2 2 0
		„ Expenses attending Association Meeting	16 10 0
		„ Etchings, Sketches and Photos ...	29 19 6
		„ Framing and Repairing Pictures ...	8 12 0
		„ Exhibits ...	1 8 3
		„ Expenses re Addresses ...	1 2 6
		„ Slides and Hire of Slides ...	5 11 7
		„ Insurance of Pictures, etc ...	3 12 0
		„ Specimens and Repairs ...	1 2 3
		70 0 1	
		300 0 0	
		£2,389 5 4	
	£2,389 5 4	„ Balance forward ...	

EDWIN UPTON, Borough Accountant.

# BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE SIXTEENTH

## GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

# Free Library and Museum

## COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1903.

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WITH ONE ILLUSTRATION

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BOOTLE :  
BOOTLE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING Co., LTD., 107, MILLER'S BRIDGE.

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1903.



# Free Library, Museum, and Technical Instruction Committee

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1902-1903

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J. HENRY FARMER.

## LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR :

CHARLES H. HUNT.

## SUB-LIBRARIAN :

WILLIAM T. MONTGOMERY.

## ASSISTANTS :

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D. HARDING.



# BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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## SIXTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 6th, 1903.

During the year ended March 31st, 1903, there were issued from the Central Library more than 113,000 works. The issue of works of fiction was 66·7 per cent. of the total, and in 1901-2 68·2. It is interesting to note that the demand for fiction has preceptibly declined during the past six years. This gratifying result is mainly attributable to the extra facilities afforded to the studious reader, and to the open exhibition on the counter of books on current topics. The average daily issue was 378.

Some 715 volumes have been added to the Central Library, and 373 worn-out books replaced. The additions, owing to the requirements of the new Branch Library, have not been quite so numerous as in former years; although the accessions were fewer, the high quality of the stock has been fully maintained.

There has been an increase of 19 in the number of school teachers availing themselves of the special Teacher's Ticket, 246 of which are now in active use. This concession continues to meet with hearty approval.

The Central Reading Rooms have been well attended, some 209,000 visits being recorded.

At the request of the School Management Committee of the Bootle School Board, Gray Street School was affiliated to the Central Library and a Book Delivery established in March. The whole of the Board's schools are now associated with the Public Lending Department. It may be well to reiterate that this privilege is not confined to Board Schools, but may be extended to other local schools should their managers desire it.

The quarterly *Journal* has been regularly issued, and continues to be highly valued as a periodical supplement to the catalogue. Several numbers, more especially those containing articles of local interest, are entirely out of print.

The most noteworthy event of the year, was the opening of the Branch Library, Reading Rooms and Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane, by the Mayoress (Mrs. G. S. Wild). This pleasing ceremony formed part of the Coronation rejoicings, and occasioned not a little public enthusiasm.

Some 80,000 visits have been paid to the Branch Reading Rooms. This additional accommodation for readers has materially relieved the pressure at the Central News Room, which was formerly much too crowded.

The Branch Library has been much appreciated, and the number of borrowers is steadily increasing.

The total output of books from the Central and Branch Libraries has exceeded 126,000. This is by far the largest issue recorded in any one year.

The 16th season of Free Popular Lectures has been phenomenally successful. Altogether 33 lectures have been delivered (18 at the Town Hall and 15 at the Assembly Hall); the total attendance has amounted to upwards of 17,000. Excellent use was made of the reading lists on the subjects of the lectures.

Much useful routine work has been done in the Museum. The second Circulating Collection of Water-Colour Paintings, on loan from the South Kensington Museum, was on exhibition for three months, and added greatly to the attractiveness of the Art Room. The collection, which comprised 113 pictures, was valued at £1,600.

Another session of distinctly useful work has been accomplished by the Bootle Literary and Philosophical Society, in one of the basement rooms of the Central Library.

Other particulars of the work executed during the period under review may be gleaned from the Report of the Librarian and Curator, which follows.

A statement of accounts is also added by the Borough Accountant.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1903.

JAMES J. MACK,  
*Chairman.*

## SIXTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR

PRESENTED TO THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

APRIL 23RD, 1903.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the work of the several departments of the Central and Branch Libraries, and of the Museum, during the period April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903, as under :—

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS have been largely used. The estimated attendances, based on an hourly count, are given at page 12, and a list of newspapers and periodicals provided is furnished at page 14.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—The table at page 12 gives the statistics of additions to stock and the use made of the Library. During the year 715 volumes were added. 373 books have been replaced as worn-out or condemned, 41 of these were destroyed by fire having been returned from houses where the Medical Officer had reported infectious disease to exist. 624 volumes were bound or re-bound, and 472 re-sewn or covered anew. Minor repairs to numerous books were effected by the staff. The average daily issue was 378. The present number of borrowers, including 246 holders of teacher's tickets, is 3,296 ; of these 1,129 have taken advantage of the second ticket for non-fictional use, thus bringing up the number of tickets in force to 4,425.

3,478 issues of books to scholars in the Bedford Road Board School were recorded during the year ; 2,007 to the Hawthorne Road Board School ; 2,034 to the Salisbury Road Board School ; and 229 to the Gray Street Board School.

649 written or personal applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only five cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Eight books were lost during the period covered by this report.

The accessions to the Library have been noted in the successive lists of the quarterly *Journal*, which is now the recognised supplement to the catalogue.

The undermentioned publications were compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian and issued :—

“What shall I read? Some aids to readers in the choice of books.”  
(4 pages).

“Second Supplement to the Catalogue of the Free Public Library.”  
(140 pages).

“Catalogue of the Marsh Lane Branch Library.” (44 pages).

Appreciative notices concerning the usefulness of these publications have appeared from time to time in the public press.

In addition to the foregoing, a chronological list of the historical novels and tales contained in the Library has been prepared, and is now in the printer's hands. It is believed that this annotated list, which is a very comprehensive one, will stimulate historical study.

Considerable headway has also been made in the preparation of a stock and shelf index of the Reference Department.

Good use continues to be made of the Reference Library by teachers and students, and much helpful research work has been accomplished by the staff for their mutual benefit.

Works of reference have been lent for teaching purposes to the Municipal Intermediate Day School, the Municipal School of Art, and to the St. Alexander's Girls' School.

On May 31st the Institution was visited by some 30 members of the Aintree Wesley Guild. The visitors were shown through the various rooms, and attention drawn to the more significant features of each department. Many choice illustrated books were displayed in the Art Room, which created considerable interest. The Librarian will be pleased to arrange for visits of any other local societies, on giving due notice of their intention.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS.—These rooms were opened for public use on June 30th, 1902, and have been largely attended. A list of the newspapers and periodicals provided appears at page 16.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY**—This department was opened for the issue of books on July 14th, 1902. The table at page 13 furnishes particulars as to the books in stock and the use made of the Library. The average daily issue of books was 58. The present number of borrowers is 354, and their tickets have also been made available for use at the Central Library. 24 written or personal applications were made to readers for the return of outstanding books, but in no single instance has the Guarantor been called upon to secure the return of a book.

Readers resident at the north end of the borough are to be congratulated upon the attainment of such excellent facilities for their intellectual recreation and advancement, and also upon their prompt recognition of the value of the same.

**THE MUSEUM**—A fair amount of useful routine work has been executed in the Museum, and the respective rooms have never presented a brighter appearance. Special visits have been paid thereto by pupils from the St. Alexander's Girls' School (two occasions), and from the Gray Street Board School; while lantern illustrated addresses were given by the Curator to each group. Objects have been lent for teaching purposes to the Salisbury Road Board School, Gray Street Board School, and to the Municipal School of Art.

**ART ROOM**—The attractiveness of the Art Room was greatly enhanced by the exhibition, from October to January, of the second Circulating Collection of Water-Colour Paintings of the British School, kindly lent by the Board of Education.

This apartment has been permanently enriched by the addition of four fine engravings and an oil painting, the bequest of a Bootle lady.

Thanks to the kindly interest of Mr. Robert F. Martin, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, a collection of Plasters of Gems, in eight octavo boxes, has been presented to the Museum by Mr. Rowland B. Cooper, of Fairford, Gloucestershire.

No change has taken place in the loan collection from the South Kensington Museum, but arrangements have been made for a further loan exhibit, which will shortly be deposited here.



FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—The Curator delivered addresses on the following subjects as under:—

1902.

October 30th—Some interesting Phenomena of Nature.

November 27th—Birds of our Rambles.

December 18th—Nature's Fairyland as seen through the Microscope.

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January 29th—Glass and its Story.

February 26th—Who's who at the Zoo? or, Animals and their Ways.

March 26th—The Age of Ice.

Each address was illustrated by lantern views and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The series was attended by fully 500 persons.

CENTRAL FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

1902.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Nov. 11—J. W. SCHOLEFIELD, Esq., J.P. ...	...*	{ Recollections of some Italian Cities.
Nov. 17—G. E. THOMPSON, Esq. ...	...*	A month in Jamaica.
Nov. 24—REV. R. B. DE WOLF, M.A. ...	...*	{ Liverpool to the Rocky Mountains: 12,000 miles by land and sea.
Dec. 1—R. S. ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A. ...	...*	{ The Handy Man; or, Life in the Navy.
Dec. 8—REV. F. F. GRENSTED, M.A. ...	...*	{ The Dawn of Astronomy: a study in Egyptian, Assyrian, and Greek Scientific Knowledge.
Dec. 15—J. J. KERMODE, Esq. ...	...*	A Tour through Mexico.



1903.	Lecturer.				Subject.
Jan. 5—W. BENNETT, Esq....	...	...	...	...	{ An Evening with Shakespeare, Tenny- son, Ingoldsby, Twain, and Adeler.
Jan. 12—DR. J. W. ELLIS, F.E.S. ...	...	...	...	...*	{ North Yorkshire: past and present.
Jan. 19—REV. E. T. CARRIER, M.A.	...	...	...	...	William Cowper.
Jan. 26—F. CLIBBORN, Esq....	...	...	...	...*	{ Up and down North Holland.
Feb. 2—REV. C. SWARBRECK	...	...	...	...*	{ An Army Chaplain's Experiences in South Africa.
Feb. 9—W. HARVEY, Esq. ...	...	...	...	...*	{ Some places of interest in Shropshire.
Feb. 18—J. LEE, Esq., B.A.	...	...	...	...	{ Short Stories and Short Story Writers ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).
Feb. 23—REV. J. H. MARTYN	...	...	...	...*	{ Charles Kingsley as Parson, Poet, and Novelist.
Mar. 2—J. S. FRASER, Esq., F.R.G.S.	...	...	...	...*	{ The Nile Valley from Cairo to Thebes.
Mar. 9—REV. T. F. NICHOLAS, M.A., F.R.G.S.	...	...	...	...*	{ Alaska and the Klon- dike Gold Fields.
Mar. 16—DR. W. M. CAIRNS...	...	...	...	...*	{ Experiences of Resid- ence in Japan.
Mar. 23—A. E. WORKMAN, Esq.	...	...	...	...	{ Music: Ancient, Mediæ- val and Modern ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).

\* *Optical Illustrations.*

Upwards of 12,600 persons attended the series.

BRANCH FREE LECTURES—The following fifteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1902.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
Dec. 6th—H. WHALLEY, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ Over the Alps on Bicycles.
Dec. 13th—R. S. ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.	... *	{ Through Scotland with Sir Walter Scott.
Dec. 20th—Dr. J. W. ELLIS, F.E.S. ...	... *	{ The Queen of British Rivers : the Wye from Plinlimmon to Chepstow.
<i>1903.</i>		
Jan. 3rd—W. HARVEY, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ A Scamper through Ireland.
Jan. 10th—F. CLIBBORN, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ The Castles of Touraine.
Jan. 17th—G. E. THOMPSON, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ Life in Tripoli.
Jan. 24th—J. W. SCHOLEFIELD, Esq., J.P....	... *	{ Recollections of some Italian Cities.
Jan. 31st—J. BIRCHALL, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ Old English Homes from Castle to Hall.
Feb. 7th—A. W. BEER, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ Plymouth Hoe to the Lizard Lights.
Feb. 14th—J. W. C. Haldane, Esq....	... *	{ Canadian Life and Scenery.
Feb. 21st—J. S. FRASER, Esq., F.R.G.S.	... *	{ A Cruise in the Canary Archipelago.
Feb. 28th—Dr. W. M. CAIRNS ... ..	... *	{ Experiences of Residence in Japan.
Mar. 7th—E. R. DIBDIN, Esq. ... ..	... *	{ In the Valley of Pearls : a personal impression of the Conway Valley.

1903.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Mar. 14th—Captain E. STUBBS, R.N.	... ..	* { Some Great Battles of the British Navy.
Mar. 21st—A. E. WORKMAN, Esq.	... ..	{ Life and Works of Sir Arthur Sullivan ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).

\* *Optical Illustrations.*

The series was attended by more than 4,500 persons. In addition to the above fixtures, two lantern entertainments were given on December 26th to scholars attending the elementary schools situate at the north end of the town. Upwards of 700 children attended, and the experiment proved completely successful.

STAFF—The Senior Assistant, John McAdam, left in January to take up his new duties as Chief Assistant at the Cheltenham Free Library, Museum and Art Gallery, and William Williams, Second Assistant, was appointed to fill his place. The remaining members of the staff were moved up, and a new Junior Assistant, David Harding, appointed.

Willing and efficient service has been rendered by all.

CHARLES H. HUNT,  
LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.			Issues 1902-1903.	REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.			THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1902.	Added 1902-1903.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.		Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.	Added 1902-1903.	Issues 1902-1903.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.	Total Issues in each Class 1902-1903.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '02-'03	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '01-'02
Biography ... ..	1283	28	1311	2090	258	3	261	1572	2670	2.4	2.5
Philology and Literary History ... ..	242	1	243	465	873	43	916	1159	1226	1.1	1.1
Religion... ..	930	32	962	1545	298	6	304	1266	2002	1.8	1.8
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ... ..	2252	34	2286	4980	1979	100	2079	4365	6996	6.2	6.1
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	167	6	173	317	16	...	13	186	479	.4	.8
Poetry ... ..	546	1	547	734	45	...	45	592	1126	1.0	1.2
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ... ..	5788	177	5965	66749	11	...	11	5976	75453	66.7	68.2
Fine Arts ... ..	290	3	293	926	394	10	404	697	1385	1.2	1.2
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1046	7	1053	2130	1098	33	1131	2184	2939	2.6	2.4
Technical Literature ... ..	649	19	668	2890	1278	75	1353	2021	4006	3.5	2.9
General and Unclassed Works... ..	1373	73	1446	10443	630	54	684	2130	12551	11.1	10.6
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	47	4	51	51	109	.1	.1
Music Scores ... ..	368	6	374	2053	...	...	...	374	2127	1.9	1.6
Total ... ..	14934	387	15321	95322	6927	328	7252	22573	113069		

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... .. 59 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 209,000

" " " for Home Reading... 319 " Museum " " 27,000

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 18,923.

For Home Reading, 96,219.

Grand Total, 115,142.

## MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

(OPENED JULY 14th, 1902.)

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.	Issues for Home Reading, July 14th, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.	Issues for Reference, July 14th, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.	Total Issues in each Class, July 14th, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class.
Biography ... ..	137	186	230	416	3.2
Philology and Literary History ...	3	1	25	26	.2
Religion ... ..	34	41	50	91	.7
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	241	412	488	900	6.8
Mental and Moral Science .. ..	7	1	10	11	.1
Poetry ... ..	58	81	82	163	1.2
Prose Fiction ... ..	1219	7283	3719	11002	83.1
Fine Arts ... ..	17	3	21	24	.2
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	48	72	70	142	1.1
Technical Literature ... ..	26	68	83	151	1.1
General and Unclassed Works ...	44	161	146	307	2.3
Total ... ..	1834	8309	4924	13233	

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... .. 22

,, ,, ,, for Home Reading ... .. 36

Attendance in Reading Rooms (June 30th, 1902, to March 31st, 1903)  
estimated at 80,000.Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers  
for Reference, 4,933; for Home Reading, 8,335. Grand Total, 13,268.

## LIST OF PAPERS AND PERIODICALS

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DAILIES—*Dublin*: Freeman's Journal, Irish Times. *Edinburgh*: Scotsman. *Leeds*: Mercury. *Liverpool*: Courier, Journal of Commerce, Mercury, Post, Evening Echo, Evening Express. *London*: Chronicle, \*Daily Express, Daily Mail, Daily News, Daily Telegraph, Standard, Times. *Manchester*: Guardian.

WEEKLIES—Academy, \*Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, \*Architect, Athenæum, Black and White, \*Blackpool Gazette and News, \*Blackpool Herald, \*Blackpool Times, \*Board of Trade Journal, \*Bootle Herald, Bootle Times, Builder, Building News, \*Canadian Gazette, \*Catholic Times, \*Civil Service Aspirant, \*Civil Service Candidate, \*Civil Service Competitor, \*Civil Service Weekly, An Claidream Soluis (Gaelic Weekly), Clarion, \*Contract Journal, \*Co-Operative News, \*Y Cymro, \*Draper's Record, \*Electrical Investments, Electrical Review, Engineer, Engineering, English Mechanic, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, \*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents), \*Inquirer, Judy, Lady, Lady's Pictorial, Lloyd's News, \*Local Government Chronicle, \*Local Government Journal, \*London Report, Nature, \*New Century, \*Our Programme (the Liverpool Sunday Society Journal), \*Phonetic Journal, Public Opinion, Punch, Queen, Reynolds' Newspaper, Saturday Review, Scientific American, \*Shipping World, Spectator, Sphere, \*Temperance Chronicle, \*Timber, To-day, Truth, Westminster Budget, Work.

FORTNIGHTLY—\*University Correspondent.

MONTHLIES—\*All the World, Army List, Atlantic Monthly, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Bradshaw's Railway Guide, \*Britain's Opium Harvest, \*British Temperance Advocate, \*Brotherhood, Cassell's Magazine, Century Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Child's Guardian, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, Contemporary Review, \*Cook's Excursionist, Cornhill Magazine, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Cymru, \*Deliverer, \*Educational Times, English Illustrated Magazine, \*Epicure,



\*Facts, Feilden's Magazine, \*Forester's Miscellany, Fortnightly Review, \*Free Russia, Gentleman's Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Good Words, Great Thoughts, Harper's Magazine, \*Herald of the Golden Age, \*Humanitarian, Idler, \*Individualist, \*Insurance Agent, \*Insurance Spectator, \*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, \*Labour Gazette, \*Ladies' League Gazette, \*Land Values, Leisure Hour, \*Liberty Review, \*Literary Guide, \*Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild Gazette, \*London, Seaside and Country, Longmans' Magazine, Macmillan's Magazine, Magazine of Art, \*Mariner, \*Monthly Journal of the Society of Musicians, \*Musical Herald, Musical Times, \*National Cyclists' Union Review, \*Nature Notes, \*New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, \*Optical Magic Lantern Journal, \*Our Own Gazette, \*Our Western Empire, Pall Mall Magazine, \*Patents, Photogram, \*Primrose League Gazette, \*Queensland Government Mining Report, Quiver, \*Register of Deceased Seamen, Review of Reviews, School World, \*Stone Trades Journal, Strand Magazine, Studio, Sunday Magazine, Temple Bar, Temple Magazine, \*Travel, \*Tuberculosis, Woman at Home, Young Man, Young Woman, \*Zoophilist and Animals Defender.

BI-MONTHLIES—\*Anti-Slavery Reporter, Y Geninen.

QUARTERLIES—\*Combined Circulars on Canada, the Australasian and South African Colonies, Hibbert Journal, London Quarterly Review, Y Traethodydd.

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MONTHLIES—\*All the World, Captain, Cassell's Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Good Words, Harmsworth Magazine, Household Words, Knowledge, Leisure Hour, \*Literary Guide, Longmans' Magazine, Mariner, Pearson's Magazine, Royal Magazine, Strand Magazine, Sunday Magazine, Windsor Magazine, Young Man.

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## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To CENTRAL LIBRARY—						
Interest on Loans ... ..	196	7	5			
Repayment of Principal ... ..	259	11	6			
Salaries and Wages of Staff ... ..	590	0	2			
Janitor's Uniform ... ..	5	5	11			
Cleaners' Wages and Chandlery Stores ... ..	64	8	11			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postage ... ..	110	8	9			
Books, Binding, Magazines and Newspapers ... ..	398	18	0			
Printing Book Catalogue ... ..	74	16	6			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance ... ..	78	16	8			
Light, Fuel and Water ... ..	180	0	7			
Maintenance of Building, Furniture, Repairs ... ..	60	15	8			
Subscription to Library Association ... ..	1	1	0			
Travelling Expenses .. ...	7	3	4			
Expenses in connection with Free Lectures ..	74	9	3			
				2,102	3	
„ MUSEUM—						
Subscriptions to Associations ... ..	3	2	0			
Travelling Expenses ... ..	14	15	0			
Expenses in connection with Museum Addresses ... ..	4	6	5			
Insurance .. ...	5	5	4			
Expenses <i>re</i> South Kensington Loan Collections ... ..	12	19	6			
Photographs, Specimens, &c. ... ..	6	6	9			
Furniture and Repairs ... ..	8	14	11			
Hanging and Arranging Exhibits ... ..	5	1	7			
				60	11	
„ BRANCH LIBRARY—						
Interest on Loans ... ..	62	10	0			
Payment to Sinking Fund ... ..	50	6	8			
Wages of Staff ... ..	20	10	0			
Cleaners' Wages and Chandlery Stores ... ..	37	12	5			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ... ..	18	14	6			
Printing Book Catalogue ... ..	23	14	8			
Books, Binding, Magazines and Newspapers ... ..	104	10	6			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance ... ..	15	10	10			
Light, Fuel and Water ... ..	45	19	4			
Maintenance of Buildings, Furniture and Repairs... ..	26	8	3			
Travelling Expenses ... ..	6	1	6			
Expenses in connection with Free Lectures ... ..	41	18	5			
				453	17	
„ Balance forward to 1903-4 ... ..				114	18	
				£2,731	10	

## REVENUE ACCOUNT.

31 MARCH, 1903.

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INCOME.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance as per last Statement	...	..	...	...				300	0	0
Income from Rate	...	...	...	...				2,073	17	9
Technical Instruction Account—Grant in Aid, &c.	...			...				300	0	0

## CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Fines on Borrowers	...	...	...	...	31	12	4			
Sale of Catalogues	...	...	...	...	13	2	6			
Sale of Journals	...	...	...	...	4	3	4			
Sale of Borrowers' Tickets	...	...	...	...	0	8	6			
Damage to Books	...	...	...	...	1	6	9			
Sale of Wastepaper, Books, &c.	...	...	...	...	1	13	1			
Hire of Basement Rooms	...	...	...	...	1	1	0			
								53	7	6

## MUSEUM—

Damage to Glass	...	..	...	...	0	1	2			
Sale of Catalogues	..	...		...	0	5	8			
Less Handed Board of Education				...	0	5	8			

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## BRANCH LIBRARY—

Fines on Borrowers	...	...	...	...	1	18	4			
Sale of Catalogues	..	...	...	...	2	5	0			
Sale of Wastepaper	...	...	...	...	0	0	11			
								4	4	3

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### TOWN CLERK :

J. HENRY FARMER.

### LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR :

CHARLES H. HUNT.

### SUB-LIBRARIAN :

WILLIAM T. MONTGOMERY.

### ASSISTANTS :

W. WILLIAMS, W. BURGESS, H. TEMPEST, R. McELNEA, D. YOUNG  
D. HARDING, AND R. HAXBY.



# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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## SEVENTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 4th, 1904.

During the year ended March 31st, 1904, there were issued from the Central Library more than 114,000 works. The issue of works of fiction, including juvenile tales and stories, was 68·5 per cent. of the total ; while the daily average output in all classes amounted to 380.

Upwards of 1,100 volumes were added to the stock of the Central Library, and over 500 worn-out books replaced. As in previous years, the policy of only acquiring works of a high standard as regards literary excellence and utility has been strictly adhered to.

At the request of the Education Committee, and with the hearty concurrence of the managers, the six Voluntary Schools of the borough have been affiliated to the Central Library, and fortnightly Book Deliveries established. In recognition of this useful work, the Education Committee made a grant of £50 to the Free Library and Museum Committee for the purchase of additional books, and also appointed an assistant to carry out, under the supervision of the Borough Librarian, the requirements of the department. It is interesting to observe that the whole of the Elementary Schools, ten in all, are now in direct association with the Central Lending Library. Numerous enquiries have been made respecting the *modus operandi* of the above system, which has elicited the commendation of several eminent educationists.

There has been an increase of 64 in the number of school teachers availing themselves of the special Teacher's Ticket, 310 of which are now in active use. This concession—probably unique so far as English free library practice is concerned—has continued to meet with unabated approval.

Good attendance has ruled at the Central Reading Rooms, 167,000 visits having been registered.

The quarterly *Journal* has been regularly published, and its utility as a periodical supplement to the catalogue has been satisfactorily demonstrated. As a medium of exchange with British and Foreign libraries it has proved invaluable, and much mutual benefit has accrued from its circulation.

Fully 100,000 visits were paid to the Branch Reading Rooms, which have proved an undoubted boon to readers resident at the north-end of the town.

The issues from the Branch Library have exceeded 17,000 ; while the number of borrowers has steadily risen.

The total output of books from the Central and Branch Libraries has surpassed 132,000. This is the highest figure recorded in any one year.

The 17th season of Free Popular Lectures has been extraordinarily successful. Altogether 36 lectures were delivered (18 at the Town Hall and 18 at the Assembly Hall) and the attendance thereat reached the striking total of 21,100. Excellent use was made of the brief reading lists on the subjects of the lectures.

A fair proportion of time and attention has been expended upon the Museum. The objects on loan from the South Kensington Museum were changed in April for a collection including :—English porcelain, 37 examples ; ivories and fictile ivories, 53 examples ; electrotypes of the Hildesheim Treasure, 30 examples ; glass, 28 examples ; jewellery, 66 examples ; oil paintings, 6 examples ; lace, 6 frames ; large photographs of Lincoln Cathedral and the Cloister of the Basilica of St. Paul, Rome ; illustrations of enamels, etc., 6 frames ; textiles, 6 frames ; and painted photographs of French porcelain, 6 frames. The exhibit was valued at £1,100.

In the same month a series of 424 choice photographs of historical and architectural subjects, from negatives taken by Sir J. Benjamin Stone, M.P., was received on loan from the Board of Education. The collection, which consisted of 207 frames, comprised views of the Houses of Parliament, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, St. James' Palace, the Record Office, the Royal Mint, the Tower of London, as well as a number of picturesque scenes in various parts of England and Wales, the Isle of Man, Ireland, the West Indies, and Zululand. The photographs, which were on exhibition for three months, attracted a large number of visitors.

For the third successive winter the Bootle Literary and Philosophical Society has held its meetings in one of the basement rooms of the Central Library. Many interesting papers of a literary and scientific character were read and profitably discussed.

Other particulars concerning the work executed during the period under review may be gleaned from the report of the Librarian and Curator, which follows.

A statement of accounts is also appended by the Borough Accountant.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1904.

JAMES PEARSON,

*Chairman.*

## SEVENTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR

PRESENTED TO THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

APRIL 21st, 1904.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the work of the several departments of the Central and Branch Libraries during the period April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904, as under:—

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS have been largely used. The estimated attendance, based on an hourly count, is given at page 13, and a list of the newspapers and periodicals provided is furnished at page 15.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—The table at page 13, gives the statistics of additions to stock and the use made of the Library. During the year 1,137 volumes were added, and 550 books replaced as worn-out or condemned. 46 volumes were disinfected, and 4 destroyed by fire, because returned from houses where the Medical Officer of Health had reported infectious disease to exist. 878 volumes were bound or re-bound, and 325 re-sewn or covered afresh. Minor repairs to some hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The daily average issue was 380. The number of borrowers, including 310 holders of teacher's tickets, was 3,670; 1,142 of these have taken advantage of the second ticket for non-fictional use, thus bringing up the total of tickets in active force to 4,812.

The following issues were registered in connection with the fortnightly book deliveries for scholars at the ten elementary schools:—Bedford Road, 4,297; Hawthorne Road, 2,008; Salisbury Road, 2,252; Gray Street, 1,688; Christ Church, 320; St. Mary's, 131; St. John's, 109; St. Winefride's, 72;

St. James', 79; and St. James' Select, 156. It should be remembered that the last six schools enumerated have only recently been affiliated to the Library.

677 Written or personal applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only six cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Six volumes were lost during the period covered by this report.

As heretofore, the accessions to the stock of the Library have been chronicled in the successive issues of the quarterly *Journal*, which has now entered upon its seventh year of publication.

The undermentioned catalogues, compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian, were gratuitously circulated:—

“A Chronological list of Historical Novels and Tales contained in the Central Library.” (18 pages).

“Fiscal Policy: some useful works relating to Economic Questions.” (8 pages).

“Supplement to the Catalogue of Books for the Young.” (14 pages).

“Russo-Japanese War: some interesting publications relating to the peoples and countries mainly concerned.” (6 pages).

These prints have occasioned more than local interest, and many encouraging notices apropos of their utility have appeared from time to time in the public press.

A stock and shelf index of the Reference Library, comprising 2,418 entries, has been completed.

Good use continues to be made of the Reference Department by teachers and students, and assistance has been readily afforded in all matters requiring research. It is proposed shortly to transform the old chemical laboratory into a student's room, and thereby provide improved facilities for quiet study.



Works of reference have been lent for teaching purposes to the Municipal Technical School and to the Municipal School of Art ; and a number of choice books were exhibited at the opening conversazione of the Christ Church Literary Society.

In order to stimulate a practical interest in the collection of Welsh literature contained in the Library, the whole of the books were placed on view for one week at the rooms of the local Young Wales Society, and attracted not a little attention.

Fifty new books in paper wrappers, selected from the Committee's stock of duplicates, were presented to the Borough Hospital for the use of the inmates ; and parcels of non-current periodicals have also been given to the Seamen's Institute and to the Corporation Infectious Diseases Hospital.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS.**—These rooms have been well attended. A list of the newspapers and periodicals provided appears at page 17.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY.**—The statistical table at page 14, furnishes particulars as to the books in stock and the use made of the Library. 133 Volumes were added during the year, and 167 books underwent the process of binding. The daily average output amounted to 56. 568 persons have acquired reader's tickets. Written or personal applications to the number of 104 were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only five instances has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Two volumes returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially notified, were promptly destroyed.

**THE MUSEUM.**—A large amount of useful routine work in the shape of re-arrangement and labelling has been accomplished in the Museum, and the respective rooms have presented an exceptionally pleasing appearance throughout the period under review. Objects have been lent for teaching purposes to the following schools : Salisbury Road, Christ Church and St. John's. Special loans were also granted for public educational uses to the Christ Church Literary Society, Cyprus Road Wesleyan Chapel (per the Rev. R. Moffat Gautrey), and to the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel. These concessions were greatly appreciated and cordially acknowledged.



During the month of December, five lectures on "Cotton and the Cotton Industry" were delivered by J. S. Hague, Esq., M.Sc., to some 500 boys from the upper standards of the ten elementary schools aforementioned. Marked attention was paid to the lecturer's observations, and notes were freely taken for after use. The lectures were abundantly illustrated by specimens of cotton in every stage of progress from pod to yarn, and by models of spindles and other mechanical contrivances used in its manufacture. A series of choice lantern slides materially aided the elucidation of the more technical aspects of the subject.

In February, the Curator delivered a pictorial address entitled "The Wonderland of Nature" to about 40 boys from the Salisbury Road School. The lads gave every attention, and afterwards inspected the Museum Rooms.

ART ROOM.—The attractiveness of the Art Room was greatly enhanced by the receipt, on April 1st, of a goodly array of choice objects from the South Kensington Museum, and by the exhibition, from April to July, of the Stone Collection of Photographs. Both exhibits were kindly lent by the Board of Education. Fuller details appear over the signature of the Chairman.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered on the following subjects as under :—

<i>1903.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
Nov. 26—THE CURATOR	... ..	Some Gems of Sacred Art.
Dec. 17—C. St. C. CRAWLEY, Esq.	... ..	Wonders of Pond Life.
<i>1904.</i>		
Jan. 21—J. J. OGLE, Esq.	... ..	Wonders of the Bird World.
Jan. 28—THE CURATOR	... ..	How the "Challenger" searched the deep.
Feb. 25—H. EDWARDS, Esq.	... ..	Some makers of Mountains.
Mar. 31—THE CURATOR	... ..	Scientific marvels up-to-date.

Each address was illustrated by lantern views and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The series was attended by fully 500 persons, and their attention was specially drawn to appropriate literature contained in the Central Library.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

<i>1903.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 16—	REV T. F. NICHOLAS, M.A., F.R.G.S.	*Rome ... ..	950
Nov. 23—	H. WHALLEY, Esq. ...	*Over the Alps on Bicycles...	1,100
Nov. 30—	F. W. SAXBY, Esq. ..	*The Spider as an Engineer	850
Dec. 7—	W. R. YARDLEY, Esq., L.C.P.	*The Life and Times of Shakespeare.	1,000
Dec. 14—	G. A. CARRUTHERS, Esq.	*Through the Sunny Canaries	1,100
Dec. 21—	REV. F. F. GRENSTED, M.A.	*The Oldest Records of the Rocks; or, What Wales has to tell of how life appeared on the Earth.	500
<i>1904.</i>			
Jan. 11—	MISS MARY WILSON ...	Old English Ballads ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> )	1,100
Jan. 18—	R. S. ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.	*Through Wales with a Camera.	1,100
Jan. 25—	REV. E. T. CARRIER ...	Man's Inner World ...	550
Feb. 1—	E. W. EDWARDS, Esq.	*Ceylon and its People ...	1,000
Feb. 8—	REV. R. KILLIP, F.R.A.S.	*Some Wonders of the Sky; or, Glimpses through an Astronomical Telescope.	600
Feb. 15—	H. HILLMAN, Esq. ...	*Siam and its People ...	800
Feb. 22—	MISS A. M. CANN ...	*The Homes of the Heroes of Westward Ho!	1,000
Feb. 29—	G. E. THOMPSON, Esq.	*Days among the Dolomites	650
Mar. 7—	REV. J. COTTON, M.A., D.D.	*A Trip from Naples to Constantinople.	850
Mar. 14—	J. LEE, Esq., B.A. ...	Irish Verse and Irish Story ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> )	700
Carried forward ... ..			13,850

1904.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
		Brought forward ... ..	13,850
Mar. 21—REV. R. B. DE WOLF, M.A.		*The Land of the Southern Cross.	850
Mar. 28—A. E. WORKMAN, Esq.		The Life and Works of Giacomo Meyerbeer ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> )	1,100
Total attendance			15,800
* <i>Optical Illustrations.</i>			

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

1903.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 14—REV. T. F. NICHOLAS, M.A., F.R.G.S.		*Paris, Versailles and St. Cloud.	270
Nov. 21—H. WHALLEY, Esq. ...		*Rambles in the Lake District.	350
Nov. 28—F. W. SAXBY, Esq. ...		*In Crystal Wonderland ...	270
Dec. 5—W. R. YARDLEY, Esq., L.C.P		*Dickens, the Prince of Novelists.	298
Dec. 12—REV. F. F. GRENSTED, M.A.		*Stonehenge and its Fellows; or, Early Footprints of Man in Britain.	290
Dec. 19—MISS MARY WILSON ...		Old English Ballads ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> ) ..	360
1904.			
Jan. 9—G. A. CARRUTHERS, Esq.		*Through the Fortunate Isles.	270
Jan. 16—R. S. ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.		*Beauty Spots from my Holidays.	300
Jan. 23—REV. E. T. CARRIER ...		Sir Walter Scott... ..	250
Jan. 30—E. W. EDWARDS, Esq....		*The Ruined Cities of Ceylon.	280
Feb. 6—J. LEE, Esq., B.A. ...		American Humorous Poetry ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	260
Carried forward ... ..			3,198

1904.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
		Brought forward ... ..	3,198
Feb. 13—	H. HILLMAN, Esq. ...	*A Journey to Ceylon ...	280
Feb. 20—	REV. R. KILLIP, F.R.A.S.	*Old Sol and his Family ; or, The Solar System.	280
Feb. 27—	G. E. THOMPSON, Esq. ..	*From Barcelona to the Pyrenees.	350
Mar. 5—	THE BOROUGH LIBRARIAN	*Some Interesting Phenom- ena of Nature.	260
Mar. 12—	VERY REV. CANON BANKS, B.A.	*Switzerland ... ..	260
Mar. 19—	H. G. THOMPSON, Esq., M.B., Ch.B.	*The Manchester Ship Canal.	250
Mar. 26—	A. E. WORKMAN, Esq....	The Life and Works of Sir Henry Rowley Bis- hop (with Musical Illustrations)	430
Total attendance			5,308

\* *Optical Illustrations.*

In addition to the foregoing fixtures, three successful lantern entertainments were given on January 2nd and 4th, at the Assembly Hall and Town Hall respectively, to about 1,800 poor children attending the local elementary schools, and the proceedings were characterised by much enthusiasm. Thanks to the generosity of members of the Town Council and the Education Committee, seasonable refreshments were distributed to the little folk at the close of each engagement.

STAFF—John Sharrock, Janitor, died on December 15th, after  $15\frac{1}{2}$  years of faithful service. His place was filled in January by the appointment of Thomas Woods, a local army reservist. No other change in the personnel of the staff has taken place, and it only remains to be recorded that loyal, energetic, and efficient service has been rendered by one and all.

CHARLES H. HUNT,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

# CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.	Added 1903-1904	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Issues 1903-1904.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Added 1903-1904.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Issues 1903-1904.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	In each Class 1903-1904.	Percentage of the Entire Issue for Each Class, 03-04	Percentage of the Entire Issue for Each Class, 02-03
Biography ... ..	1311	26	1337	1761	261	16	277	684	1614	2445	2.1	2.4
Philology and Literary History	243	3	246	450	916	38	954	947	1200	1397	1.2	1.1
Religion... ..	962	9	971	1407	304	10	314	583	1285	1990	1.7	1.8
Sociology, Political History,												
Topography and Travel ...	2286	59	2345	5364	2079	232	2311	1472	4656	6836	6.0	6.2
Mental and Moral Science ..	173	2	175	263	13	...	13	156	188	419	.4	.4
Poetry ... ..	547	6	553	758	45	...	45	374	598	1132	1.0	1.0
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ...	5965	348	6313	71788	11	2	13	6749	6326	78537	68.5	66.7
Fine Arts ... ..	293	2	295	1085	404	21	425	335	720	1420	1.2	1.2
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1053	9	1062	2398	1131	37	1168	654	2230	3052	2.7	2.6
Technical Literature ... ..	668	30	698	2775	1353	154	1507	931	2205	3706	3.2	3.5
General and Unclassed Works...	1446	56	1502	9917	684	33	717	1521	2219	11438	10.0	11.1
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	51	36	87	110	87	110	.1	.1
Music Scores ... ..	374	8	382	2064	...	...	...	47	382	2111	1.9	1.9
Total .. ..	15321	558	15879	100030	7252	579	7831	14563	23710	114593		

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference	...	48	Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at	...	167,000
" " " for Home Reading	332	"	" " " " "	...	34,000
" " " Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference,	15,798				
For Home Reading,	100,962		Grand Total,	116,760	



## MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1903.	Added 1903-4	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Issues for Home Reading 1903-4.	Issues for Reference, 1903-4.	Total issues in each Class, 1903-4.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1903-4.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1902-3.
Biography ... ..	137	1	138	148	149	297	1.7	3.2
Philology and Literary History ... ..	3	—	3	—	76	76	.4	.2
Religion ... ..	34	4	38	98	44	142	.8	.7
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	241	11	252	477	371	848	4.9	6.8
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	7	1	8	5	7	12	.1	.1
Poetry ... ..	58	—	58	98	109	207	1.2	1.2
Prose Fiction ... ..	1219	112	1331	12491	2866	15357	88.0	83.1
Fine Arts ... ..	17	—	17	9	13	22	.1	.2
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	48	1	49	84	63	147	.8	1.1
Technical Literature ... ..	26	3	29	51	59	110	.6	1.1
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	44	—	44	100	137	237	1.4	2.3
Total	1834	133	1967	13561	3894	17455		

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 12      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 44

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 100,000

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 3,900

For Home Reading, 13,578      Grand Total, 17,478



LIST OF PAPERS AND PERIODICALS  
PLACED IN THE  
CENTRAL FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS

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DAILIES—*Dublin* : Freeman's Journal, Irish Times. *Edinburgh* : Scotsman.  
*Leeds* : Mercury. *Liverpool* : Courier, Journal of Commerce, Mercury,  
Post, Evening Echo, Evening Express. *London* : Chronicle, \*Daily  
Express, Daily Mail, Daily News, Daily Telegraph, Standard, Times.  
*Manchester* : Guardian.

WEEKLIES—Academy, \*Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, \*Architect,  
Athenæum, \*Banner of Israel, Black and White, \*Blackpool Gazette and  
News, \*Blackpool Herald, \*Blackpool Times, \*Board of Trade Journal,  
\*Bootle Herald, Bootle Times, Builder, Building News, \*Canadian  
Gazette, \*Catholic Times, \*Civil Service Aspirant, \*Civil Service  
Candidate, \*Civil Service Competitor, \*Civil Service Weekly, An  
Claideam Soluis (Gaelic Weekly), Clarion, \*Contract Journal, \*Co-  
Operative News, \*Cymro, \*Draper's Record, Electrical Review, Engineer,  
Engineering, English Mechanic, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated  
London News, \*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents), \*Inquirer, Judy,  
Lady, Lady's Pictorial, Lloyd's News, \*Local Government Chronicle,  
\*Local Government Journal, \*London Report, Mechanical Engineer,  
\*Motor Cycle, Nature, \*New Century, \*Our Programme (the Liverpool  
Sunday Society Journal), \*Phonetic Journal, Public Opinion, Punch,  
Queen, Reynolds' Newspaper, Saturday Review, Scientific American,  
\*Shipping World, Spectator, Sphere, \*Temperance Chronicle, \*Timber,  
To-day, Truth, Westminster Budget, Work.

FORTNIGHTLIES—\*Insurance Spectator, \*Laundry Journal, \*University Corres-  
pondent.

MONTHLIES—\*Animals' Friend, Army List, Atlantic Monthly, Blackwood's  
Magazine, Bookman, Bradshaw's Railway Guide, \*Britain's Opium Har-  
vest, \*British Temperance Advocate, Cassell's Magazine, Century  
Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Child's Guardian, \*Church of England  
League Gazette, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary  
Intelligencer, Contemporary Review, \*Cook's Traveller's Gazette, Corn-  
hill Magazine, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Cymru, \*Deliverer,  
\*Educational Times, \*Electrical Power, Engineering Review,

English Illustrated Magazine, \*Epicure, \*Food and Cookery, \*Foresters' Miscellany, Fortnightly Review, \*Free Russia, Gentleman's Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Good Words, Great Thoughts, Harper's Magazine, \*Herald of Health, \*Herald of the Golden Age, \*Humanitarian, Idler, \*Individualist, \*Insurance Agent, \*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, \*Labour Gazette, \*Land Values, Leisure Hour, \*Liberty Review, \*Literary Guide, \*Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild Gazette, \*London, Seaside and Country, Longmans' Magazine, Macmillan's Magazine, Magazine of Art, \*Mariner, \*Monthly Journal of the Society of Musicians, \*Musical Herald, Musical Times, \*National Cyclists' Union Review, \*Nature Notes, \*New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, \*Our Own Gazette, Pall Mall Magazine, \*Patents, Photogram, \*Primrose League Gazette, \*Queensland Government Mining Journal, Quiver, \*Register of Deceased Seamen, Review of Reviews, School World, \*Stone Trades Journal, Strand Magazine, Studio, Sunday Magazine, Temple Bar, \*Travel, \*Tuberculosis, Woman at Home, \*Young Journalist, Young Man, Young Woman, \*Zoophilist and Animals' Defender.

BI-MONTHLIES—\*Anti-Slavery Reporter, Geninen.

QUARTERLIES—\*Combined Circulars on Canada, the Australasian and South African Colonies, Hibbert Journal, London Quarterly Review, Traethodydd.

OCCASIONAL—\*Caledonian Railway Company's Time Table, \*Glasgow and South Western Railway Company's Time Table, \*Great Central Railway Company's Time Table, \*Great Eastern Railway Company's Time Table, \*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company's Time Table, \*London and North Western Railway Company's Time Table (2 copies), \*London and South Western Railway Company's Time Table, \*London, Brighton, South Coast and Isle of Wight Railway Company's Time Table, \*Midland Railway Company's Time Table, Portfolio, \*South Eastern Railway Company's Time Table.

*\*All marked thus are presented.*

## LIST OF PAPERS AND PERIODICALS

PLACED IN THE

MARSH LANE

## FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS

DAILIES—*Cardiff*: South Wales Daily News. *Dublin*: Freeman's Journal, Irish Times. *Edinburgh*: Scotsman. *Liverpool*: Courier, Journal of Commerce, Mercury, Post, Evening Echo, Evening Express. *London*: Daily Telegraph. *Manchester*: Guardian.

WEEKLIES—Athletic News, \*Bootle Herald, \*Bootle Times, Building News, Clarion, \*Co-Operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineer, English Mechanic, Era, Gardening Illustrated, Graphic, Hobbies, Illustrated London News, Labour News, M.A.P., Public Opinion, Punch, Shipping World, Sphere, Timber Trades Journal, To-day, Truth, Westminster Budget, Work.

MONTHLIES—Captain, Cassell's Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, \*Electrical Power, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Good Words, Household Words, Knowledge, Leisure Hour, \*Literary Guide, London Magazine, Longmans' Magazine, Mariner, Pearson's Magazine, Royal Magazine, Strand Magazine, Sunday Magazine, Windsor Magazine, Young Man.

*\*All marked thus are presented,*

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- AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—"Report of the Department of Public Works," 1902.
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW ZEALAND—"Statistics of the Colony, 1901," parts 4 to 7; "New Zealand Mines Record," 9 parts; "Journal of the Department of Labour," No. 123 (a pamphlet); "New Zealand Handbook, 1903" (a pamphlet) and leaflets.
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—"Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates," 1901-3. 26 vols.
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA—"Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia," 1901; "Western Australian Year-book, 1900-01," vol. I, 1902; "Year-book of Western Australia," 1903.
- ATKINSON FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, SOUTHPORT—"Southport: a handbook" (2 copies).
- SIR W. BAILEY—"Shakespeare and Temperance," (a pamphlet).
- MR. D. BAXTER (the Author)—"Cardinal Pole," 1901 (a pamphlet).
- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—"Report on Changes in Wages and Hours of Labour, 1902"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-outs, 1902"; "Reports of the Mosely Commission, 1903"; "Ninth Annual Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom, 1901-1902"; "Report on Wholesale and Retail Prices in the United Kingdom in 1902" 1903.
- BOLTON MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Report for 1903."
- BOOTLE SCHOOL BOARD—"Reports," 1888-91, 1891-94, 1894-97, 1897-1900, 1900-1903. 5 vols.; "Proceedings," 1886-1903.
- BRITISH ASSOCIATION (Section C-Geology)—"The Fauna and Flora of the Trias of the British Isles: Report of the Committee," 1903.
- MESSRS. T. B. BROWNE, LTD.—"Advertiser's A.B.C. Press Directory, 1903."
- MR. ALDERMAN CAIN, J.P.—"Journal of the Sanitary Institute," and "Supplement," July, 1903.
- CANADIAN GOVERNMENT—"Experimental Farms: Reports for 1902."
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*Reports* from: Aberdeen, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Bebington, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bournemouth, Brentford, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carnegie Library (Ayr), Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chorley, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore, U.S.A.), Finsbury, Fulham, Glasgow (Stirling's Library), Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Lyceum (Liverpool), Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, Stoke Newington, Sunderland, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wallasey, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York.

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## LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

## FREE PUBLIC MUSEUM

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Mrs. BLACK—A Heron (mounted).

CAPTAIN BRIDGWATER—An. Octopus (in spirit).

Mr. T. DAVIES, J.P.—13 Framed Prints of Egyptian Antiquities, with framed description.

Mr. J. FURNISS (per Mr. Councillor Short)—Piece of Timber showing ravages of *Teredo Navalis*.

Mr. J. S. HAGUE, M.Sc.—Specimens of Cotton (raw and manufactured).

Mr. H. HILLMAN—Specimens of Siamese Termites (in spirit).

Mr. H. G. HEAN, Natal—A Snake's skin.

Rev. W. W. MASON, B.A.—A cupboard containing a Collection of British Mosses (208 species).

Mr. WILSON — Larva of Wood-boring Insect.

Mr. A. WRIGHT—Specimens of Iron Ore.

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## LOANS AND LENDERS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION—*See body of Report.*

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.
<b>CENTRAL LIBRARY—</b>					
Interest on Loans ... ..	182	3	9		
Repayment of Principal ... ..	269	18	4		
Salaries and Wages of Staff... ..	629	5	1		
Janitor's Uniform... ..	5	2	6		
Cleaners' Wages and Chandlery Stores ...	66	19	5		
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postage ...	139	9	6		
Books, Binding, Magazines and Newspapers ...	445	2	4		
Rates, Taxes and Insurance... ..	74	7	8		
Light, Fuel and Water ... ..	179	19	0		
Maintenance of Building, Furniture and Repairs	67	5	10		
Subscriptions to various Societies and Associations	7	6	0		
Travelling Expenses ... ..	10	6	3		
Expenses in connection with Free Lectures ..	85	16	2		
				2,163	1
<b>MUSEUM—</b>					
Subscriptions to Associations ... ..	3	2	0		
Travelling Expenses ... ..	21	0	4		
Expenses in connection with Museum Addresses	3	13	7		
Insurance ... ..	2	10	2		
Expenses <i>re</i> South Kensington Loan Collections	6	16	4		
Photographs, Specimens, &c. ... ..	3	10	6		
Furniture and Repairs ... ..	3	5	6		
Hanging and Arranging Exhibits ... ..	11	1	9		
Printing and Advertising ... ..	8	6	2		
				63	6
<b>BRANCH LIBRARY—</b>					
Interest on Loans ... ..	80	10	1		
Payment to Sinking Fund ... ..	51	14	4		
Wages of Staff ... ..	76	17	6		
Cleaners' Wages and Chandlery Stores ...	41	2	10		
Stationery ... ..	4	2	7		
Books, Binding, Magazines and Newspapers ...	72	18	5		
Rates, Taxes and Insurance... ..	30	19	3		
Light, Fuel and Water ... ..	42	14	2		
Maintenance of Building, Furniture and Repairs	10	10	2		
Expenses in connection with Free Lectures ...	56	1	6		
				467	10
				£2,693	19

## REVENUE ACCOUNT.

1 MARCH, 1904.

			INCOME.					
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance as per last Statement	...	...	...	...	...	114	18	5
Income from Rate	...	...	...	...	...	2,100	0	0
Technical Instruction Account—Grant in Aid, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	300	0	0

## CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Fees on Borrowers	...	...	...	28	2	0		
Sale of Catalogues...	...	...	...	8	10	7		
Sale of Journals	...	...	...	2	19	3		
Sale of Borrowers' Tickets	...	...	...	0	7	4		
Books Replaced	...	...	...	0	4	6		
Sale of Wastepaper, Books, &c.	...	...	...	1	0	2		
Hire of Basement Rooms	...	...	...	1	1	0		
Education Committee—Refund <i>re</i> Elementary								

## Schools Library—

Schools Library			50	0	0			
Books Purchased ..	..	...	16	2	6			
Wages of Assistant	...	...				66	2	6
								108 7 4

## MUSEUM—

Damage to Glass	...	...	...	0	1	2			
Sale of Catalogues	...	...	0	5	11				
Less Handed Board of Education	...	...	0	5	11				
							0	1	2

## BRANCH LIBRARY—

Fees on Borrowers	...	...	...	3	16	4			
Se of Calalogues...	...	...	...	1	11	0			
Se of Wastepaper	...	...	...	0	1	4			
Books Replaced	...	...	...	0	3	0			
Se of Borrowers' Tickets	...	...	...	0	2	4			
							5	14	0
Balance forward to 1904-5 A/c	...	...	...				64	18	2

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EDWIN UPTON,

*Borough Accountant.*



COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE EIGHTEENTH

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum

COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1905.

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BOOTLE :  
BOOTLE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO., LTD.

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1905.

## Free Library and Museum Committee

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"	"	"	SHORT.
"	HARTNELL.	"	"
"	"	"	WADSWORTH.
"	MACVIE.	"	"

AND THE MAYOR (MR. COUNCILLOR J. J. METCALF).

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## Free Library and Museum Committee

1904-1905

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"	HAYES.	"	"
"	"	"	SHORT.

AND THE MAYOR (MR. COUNCILLOR O. K. JONES).

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TOWN CLERK :

J. HENRY FARMER.

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LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR :

CHARLES H. HUNT.

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SUB-LIBRARIAN :

WILLIAM T. MONTGOMERY.

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ASSISTANTS :

W. WILLIAMS, W. BURGESS, H. TEMPEST, R. McELNEA, D. HARDING,  
F. MEAKIN, AND R. HAXBY.



# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE



## EIGHTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 3rd, 1905.

During the year ended March 31st, 1905, there were issued from the Central Library more than 113,000 works. The circulation of works of fiction, including juvenile tales and stories, was 68·9 per cent of the total; while the daily average issue in all classes amounted to 376.

Some 992 volumes were added to the stock of the Central Library, and upwards of 800 worn-out books replaced. As in former years care has been exercised to select only those works which bear a high reputation for literary excellence and utility.

Thanks to the courtesy of the Trustees of the British Museum, the art section of the Reference Department has been enriched by the gift of 17 portfolios of Reproductions of Ancient Prints and of Drawings by Old Masters. The collection comprises examples of the Florentine School (1460-80); the Schools of North Italy, 15th and 16th centuries; early German and Flemish prints; German, Dutch and Italian prints; early Mezzotint Portraits; specimens of line engraving by Masters of Germany and the Low Countries (1530-1620); and by those in the age of Rubens and Van Dyck (1620-70). Examples of line engraving by Masters of the French School (1580-1695); by the earliest Masters practising and working in England (1545-1680); and by French and English Masters of the 18th century. Their published value amounted to £34.

In order to further encourage the profitable reading and study of the best books, the Central Library has sought for and readily obtained admission to the honorary membership list of the National Home Reading Union, and the several publications of that excellent institution have been regularly deposited for reference in the Magazine Reading Room. Co-operation with the work of the University Extension Association has also been effectively established by the provision of certain recommended works, by the distribution of reading lists, and by the dissemination of information generally.

As the result of an application from the Balliol Road P.S.A. for a small loan of books, the following interesting innovation has been successfully introduced :—

*Resolved* that, as an experiment, books be lent to Societies of this kind on the following conditions and such others as may be found desirable :—

1. Not more than 20 books shall be lent out at a time.
2. In the case of duplicate books being lent, they may be kept for a period not exceeding one month ; in the case of other books for a period not exceeding the stated time allowed for reading such books.
3. A guarantee to be given on behalf of the Society sufficient to cover the cost of the books which may be lent.

In addition to the Society first-named, the Bootle P.S.A., Stanley Road, has taken full advantage of this concession, and it may be added for the benefit of other organisations that the principle is capable of further extension.

On March 29th last, the newly opened Linacre Lane Council School was affiliated to the Central Library, and a fortnightly Book Delivery established. It may here be reiterated that the whole of the elementary schools of the Borough, eleven in all, are now in direct connection with the Lending Department, and that the scheme has the approval and financial support of the Education Committee. Enquiries relative to the working of these Deliveries have been received from various parts of the country, and the system has called forth gratifying encomiums from that eminent educationist, Professor

Michael E. Sadler, M.A. "The love of good reading," he has observed, "is one of the most valuable possessions which a community can acquire, and the habit of reading good books is one which should be carefully formed during school life . . . . In several of our cities, among which Cardiff and Bootle may be specially mentioned, success has been achieved in forming a close alliance between the public library and the schools."

An increase of 89 has been recorded in the number of school teachers who have availed themselves of the special Teacher's Ticket, 399 of which are now in active use. It is pleasurable to note that this privilege—also favourably commented upon by Professor Sadler—has continued to receive the hearty appreciation of those for whom it was instituted.

The quarterly *Journal*, which has entered upon its eighth year of publication, has been regularly issued. It is valued by readers not merely as a periodic supplement to the catalogue, but also as a record of the work of the institutions concerned. Many useful and not a few costly publications have been received from British and Foreign libraries in exchange therefor.

Good attendance has prevailed at the Central Reading Rooms, 161,000 visits having been registered.

The Marsh Lane Branch Library has again abundantly justified its establishment. Fully 123,000 visits were paid to the Reading Rooms; while the issues from the Lending Department have exceeded 20,500.

The output of books from the combined Libraries (Central and Branch) has surpassed 135,000, this being the highest total recorded in any one year.

The 18th season of Free Popular Lectures has proved markedly successful. 36 lectures in all were delivered, 18 each at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall respectively, and the attendance thereat amounted to 18,971. In conformity with their usual practice the Finance Committee have generously granted the use of the halls free of charge.

A fair proportion of time and attention has been bestowed upon the Museum. In the middle upper room exhibits illustrative of the Cotton and Jute industries have been carefully labelled and displayed, as well as a series of 72 choice photographs elucidative of British geological phenomena. The geological diagrams exhibited in the Magazine Reading Room have been re-arranged, so as to bring them into closer relation with the contents of the cases.

It may be remarked of the Art Room that its appearance has been considerably enhanced by the addition of six pictures, kindly lent for a term of four years by the National Gallery Board. This exhibit is valued at £1,980.

The Bootle Literary Society has again held its winter meetings in one of the basement rooms of the Central Library, where papers of an interesting and varied character have been read and discussed.

Other particulars concerning the work executed during the period under review may be gleaned from the report of the Librarian and Curator, which follows.

A statement of accounts is also appended by the Borough Accountant.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1905.

JAMES PEARSON,

*Chairman.*

## EIGHTEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR

PRESENTED TO THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

APRIL 20TH, 1905.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the work of the Central and Branch Libraries and of the Museum, during the period April 1st, 1904, to March 31st, 1905, as under :—

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—The table at page 16 gives the statistics of accessions to stock and the use made of the Library. 992 volumes were added, and 817 books replaced as worn-out or condemned. 42 volumes were disinfected, and 9 destroyed by fire, because returned from houses where the Medical Officer of Health had notified the existence of infectious disease. 875 volumes were bound, and 248 re-sewn or covered anew. Minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The daily average issue was 376. The number of borrowers, including 399 holders of teacher's tickets, was 3,818; of these 1,090 have taken advantage of the second ticket for non-fictional purposes, thus bringing up the total of tickets in active force to 4,908.

Written or personal applications to the number of 836 were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only five cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Ten volumes have been lost.

The month of July witnessed the transformation of the old Chemical Laboratory into a Student's Room. This apartment, it may be remarked, is exclusively reserved for students, and no charge is made for its use. Any *bona fide* student may obtain a ticket on application. Since its inception 115 tickets have been issued, and the room has already proved a most useful adjunct to the work of the institution.



In connection with the fortnightly book deliveries for scholars at the eleven elementary schools, the following issues were recorded :—Bedford Road, 3,310; Hawthorne Road, 1,046; Salisbury Road, 2,192; Gray Street, 1,150; Christ Church, 553; St. Mary's, 221; St. John's, 903; St. Winefride's, 126; St. James' 429; St. James' Select, 160; and Linacre Lane, 70. It should be mentioned that the last-named school was only affiliated to the Library on March 29th.

Lists of the accessions to stock have duly appeared in the successive numbers of the quarterly *Journal*, and the various book notices contained therein have proved of undoubted assistance to readers in the choice of suitable literature.

The undermentioned catalogues, compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian, were published :—

“Supplementary list of additions to section 2 of the Catalogue of Books for the Young.” (4 pages.)

“Supplementary list of additions to the Marsh Lane Branch Library.” (8 pages.)

“Catalogue of Books for the Young in the Central Public Library.” 5th edition. (102 pages).

Judging by the numerous applications for copies, the latter print would appear to have occasioned more than ordinary interest, and many gratifying comments apropos of its usefulness have been received.

Works of reference on specific topics have been lent for teaching purposes to the Municipal Intermediate Day School, the Municipal School of Art, the Municipal Technical School, and to the Evening Continuation Schools.

Loans of books of a more general character have also been extended to Institutes established in connection with the Balliol Road P.S.A., and the Bootle P.S.A., Stanley Road. Advantage was taken of the opening ceremony in each case to display a number of choice publications, selected from the contents of the Reference Department. Exhibitions of a similar character have likewise been held at the Balliol Road Wesleyan School and at the Municipal Technical School (Engineering Society). Much interest was evinced in these varied exhibits, and not a little enthusiasm was aroused.



THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS have been largely used. The estimated attendance, based on an hourly count, appears at page 16, and a list of the newspapers and periodicals provided is furnished at page 18.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY—The statistical table at page 17 furnishes particulars as to the books in stock and the use made of the Library. 233 volumes were added, and 301 books underwent the process of binding. The daily average output amounted to 67, and there were 473 reader's tickets in active use. 104 written or personal applications were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only one instance has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Three volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially notified, were promptly disinfected.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS—These rooms have been exceptionally well attended. A list of the newspapers and periodical literature supplied occurs on page 20.

THE MUSEUM—Much useful work in the shape of re-arrangement and labelling has been carried out in the Museum, especially as regards the Cotton and Jute collections. The former comprised pods of American cotton; West African seed cotton, before and after ginning, with samples of the seed extracted by the gin; American and Egyptian cotton from the bale; Indian cotton, a piece of lap from the opener; cotton as it appears after passing through the porcupine opener and dust trunks; American cotton, a piece of lap after being scutched; carded cotton in the web; carded cotton after passing through the coiler and the drawing frame; Egyptian cotton before and after passing through the comber; Egyptian cotton comber waste; six varied examples of card wire filleting used in connection with the combing processes; bobbins from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th bobbin and flyer frame, called respectively slubbing, intermediate, roving, and jack frames. Egyptian cotton: examples of fine counts of twist yarns; ring frame cop, count's 90's; a S.A. mule cop, counts 110's; a ring frame cop for coarse American yarns; a ring cop on wood bobbin; a self-actor mule spindle with cop; a self-actor mule cop, 38's counts; and samples of self-actor mule cops of fine American cotton yarn, termed pin cops.

The jute exhibits included examples of natural and bleached tow; jute strick; hackled jute: natural, bleached, and dyed; jute sliver card; sliver roving; sliver drawing; carded sliver for hospital purposes; imitation of hair;

jute cops, single yarn ; jute cop, dyed twist ; self-coloured twine balls ; skipping ropes ; clothes line knots, dressed and undressed ; self-coloured and mottled jute ropes ; natural ropes, dressed and undressed ; natural finished cords ; self-coloured finished and mottled twines and cords ; mottled and self-coloured carpet yarns ; dyed jute, various single yarns ; jute gaskins ; natural jute twists, roves and single yarns ; and some 60 specimens of fabrics woven from jute.

Objects have been lent for teaching purposes to the following schools :—the Municipal Intermediate Day School, the Municipal School of Art, the Municipal Technical School (Engineering Society), St. John's, and Salisbury Road.

THE ART ROOM.—No change has been effected in the loan collection from the South Kensington Museum. The Art Room was, however, rendered additionally attractive by the receipt, on September 13th, of the under-mentioned paintings from the National Gallery :—

*No. 78: Landscape with Ruin, by Nicholas Berchem (1620-83).*

On the left the remains of a vaulted building, partly overgrown with foliage. Near it stands a peasant woman talking to a man who sits on the ground, surrounded by cows, goats, and sheep. On the right a half-withered tree trunk ; beyond, a wooded plain with mountains in the distance. Berchem's pictures are remarkable for their composition, their careful finish, and at the same time freedom of handling, and for their warm tone of colour and brilliant lighting.

*No. 289: The march out of a company of the Amsterdam Musketeers (Copy of Rembrandt's so called "Night Watch"), by Gerrit Lundens (1622-77).*

This picture represents the officers of one of the companies of the Burgher Guard issuing from their hall of assembly, under the command of their captain, Frans Banning Cocq, Lord of Purmerland and Ilpendham, who is seen advancing in the centre and giving orders to his lieutenant, Heer Van Vlaerdingen, to direct the march. All the figures are portraits. The scene is illuminated by a gleam of bright sunlight. This picture, although but a greatly reduced copy of the renowned work by Rembrandt in the State Museum at Amsterdam, has a unique interest as representing the pristine condition of its great original before it was mutilated on all four sides and shorn of some of its figures. The fact of this mutilation, long surmised, and now fully proved, is notified in an inscription placed over the picture at Amsterdam. The abovementioned copy by Lundens, and an existing contemporary sketch in water-colours, made for Banning Cocq himself, form, together with other evidence, irrefragable proof of the injury done to the original in order to suit the picture to the dimensions of a room to which it was removed.

*No. 901: Landscape, by Jan Looen (1618-81).*

River scene with wooded banks. On the spectator's left two large oaks ; among trees on the other side of the water some figures are seen, evening. This painter is distinguished for the free handling but somewhat dark or heavy colouring of his pictures, which are generally of large dimensions. Berchem is reported to have sometimes painted the figures in his pictures.

*No. 948: Landscape, a Sketch, by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640).*

To the right, a cart and a piece of water; a woody scene. The pictures ascribed to Reubens are extremely numerous, amounting, it is said, to several thousands, but many of them were painted from his sketches by his scholars.

*No. 1057: A Landscape, by Claude Joseph Vernet (1714-89).*

View of a river winding between rocky and partially wooded heights. In the foreground is a group of figures in repose or engaged in fishing. In the middle distance to the right is a long low building, with a flat dome and classic portico. Another building, from which a tower rises, is seen in the background; sky luminous and crossed by light fleecy clouds. Vernet is one of the most celebrated of the French landscape and marine painters.

*No. 1292: A Family Group, by Jan Van Bylert (1603-71).*

Behind the stone balustrade of a garden terrace parallel to the plane of the picture, a grey bearded man in the centre dressed in black with a broad leaved hat looks interestingly to his left as if addressing someone out of the picture, and points in the opposite direction. On his left, also behind the balustrade, stands a thin middle-aged woman, who seems to listen to what passes. On the other side of the man (the left of the picture), but rather more in the foreground, a stout elderly woman of cheerful aspect is seated on a stone bench. Her eyes follow the direction of the man's; her right hand rests on an apple, one of several which, with some grapes, lie on the seat. Behind her rise the trunks of two trees, and the rest of the scene is closed in by the walls of the brick dwelling house, no sky being visible. Bylert's workmanship is firm and good, though undistinguished by any remarkable qualities. Many of his compositions illustrate customs and habits of Dutch life.

Facilities for copying were granted to two lady students.

On Thursday, October 6th, and the two following days, a portion of the collection of Reproductions of Ancient Prints and of Drawings by Old Masters, presented by the Trustees of the British Museum, was exhibited in the Museum rooms. The prints, which attracted a fair number of visitors, should prove of considerable utility to art students. Fuller details appear over the signature of the Chairman.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered on the following subjects as under:—

<i>1904.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
Oct. 27—THE CURATOR	... ..	Ages Ago: the Ancestry of Animals.
Nov. 17—THE CURATOR	... ..	Cocoa: all about it.
Dec. 15—J. J. OGLE, Esq.	... ..	Flowers of the Local Byways.
<i>1905.</i>		
Jan. 26—E. W. EDWARDS, Esq.	... ..	The story of Tea and Coffee Cultivation in Ceylon (from personal experience).
Feb. 23—C. ST. C. CRAWLEY, Esq.	... ..	What is an Insect?
Mar. 30—THE CURATOR	... ..	Jottings about Birds.

Each address was illustrated by lantern views and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. Upwards of 500 persons attended the series, and notes were freely taken by small groups of scholars from the elementary schools.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

1904.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 21—	MISS MARY WILSON ...	Thomas Moore: his Life and Ballads ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> )	1,100
Nov. 28—	C. LYON, Esq. (for the Liverpool Daily Post)	*How an up-to-date Newspaper is Produced ( <i>with Cinematograph Illustrations</i> )	900
Dec. 5—	Dr. L. A. MORGAN ...	*The English Lakes in Summer and Winter.	1,100
Dec. 12—	REV. CANON J. D. THOMPSON, M.A.	*Cambridge and its Colleges.	800
Dec. 19—	W. BENNETT, Esq. ...	A Night with English and American Authors ( <i>with Humorous and Dramatic Recitals</i> )	600
1905.			
Jan. 9—	REV. R. B. DE WOLF, M.A.	*A Cruise in the Western Fjords of Norway.	600
†Jan. 16—	F. W. SAXBY, Esq....	*Dust as seen through the Microscope: its origin, nature, and influence.	136
Jan. 23—	R. S. ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.	*In and about Paris.	1,000
Jan. 30—	J. B. FORTAY, Esq....	Rossini and Italian Music ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> )	1,000
†Feb. 6—	G. E. THOMPSON, Esq.	*Pictures from Portugal.	500
Feb. 13—	J. LEE, Esq., B.A.	Lord Tennyson: his Poetry and his Teaching ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> )	500

1905.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Feb. 20—	REV. T. W. M. LUND, M.A.	*A thousand miles through France on a Bicycle.	1,100
†Feb. 27—	DR. H. R. JONES ... ..	Modern Methods of Combating Disease.	350
Mar. 6—	REV. E. T. CARRIER ... ..	Japanese Literature.	430
Mar. 13—	S. H. ELLIS, Esq. ... ..	*Impressions of Northern India.	750
Mar. 20—	REV. G. GORMAN ... ..	*A Tour in Holland and Rhineland.	800
Mar. 27—	REV. R. KILLIP, F.R.A.S. ...	*How we charm their secrets from the Sun and Stars.	630
April 3—	A. E. WORKMAN, Esq. ... ..	The Life and Works of Mendelssohn ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	1,100

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It is only fair to add that inclement weather and other local happenings militated against the attendance on the dates marked thus (†).

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned eighteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane:—

1904.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 19—	DR. L. A. MORGAN ... ..	*From Cornwall to Canterbury.	380
Nov. 26—	F. W. SAXBY, Esq ... ..	*Marvels of Insect Life.	260
Dec. 3—	W. BENNETT, Esq. ... ..	An Evening with Shakespeare, Carleton, 'Twain,' Waugh, Barham, etc. ( <i>with Humorous and Dramatic Recitals</i> )	320
Dec. 10—	REV. R. B. DE WOLF, M.A.	*The Land of the Southern Cross.	360
Dec. 17—	MISS MARY WILSON ... ..	Thomas Moore: his Life and Ballads ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> )	400



1905.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Jan. 7	—REV. R. KILLIP, F.R.A.S. ...	*An Itinerating Astronomer's Telescope, and what he sees with it.	230
Jan. 14	—REV. H. M. DALE, M.A. ...	*Japan.	260
Jan. 21	—R. S. ARCHER, Esq. F.R.S.S.A.	*The Handy Man ; or, Life in the Navy.	375
Jan. 28	—J. LEE, Esq., B.A.... ...	Rudyard Kipling's Stories and Verse ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	250
Feb. 4	—L. SMALL, Esq., B.Sc. ...	*The Firth of Clyde : its Lochs and Mountains.	330
Feb. 11	—S. H. ELLIS, Esq. ... ...	*Impressions of Northern India.	260
Feb. 18	—E. A. BAKER, Esq., M.A. ...	*Mountaineering in the Highlands of Scotland.	260
Feb. 25	—J. B. FORTAY, Esq.... ...	Haydn and his Music ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	330
Mar. 4	—REV. E. T. CARRIER ...	Women of the French Revolution.	250
Mar. 11	—G. E. THOMPSON, Esq. ...	*In Yorkshire Dales.	300
Mar. 18	—DR. H. R. JONES ... ...	*Modern Methods of Combating Disease.	180
Mar. 25	—I. FULTON, Esq. (for the Liverpool Daily Post).	*How an up-to-date Newspaper is Produced ( <i>with Cinematograph Illustrations</i> ).	400
April 1	—A. E. WORKMAN, Esq. ...	The Life and Works of Meyerbeer ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	430

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\* *Optical Illustrations.*



The closing Lectures, it should be stated, do not properly fall within the purview of this report, but it has been deemed advisable to include same for purposes of comparison.

In addition to the foregoing fixtures, Lantern Entertainments were given on December 30th and 31st, at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall respectively, to the poorer children in attendance at the local elementary schools. Upwards of 1,800 little folk were present at the three engagements, and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. Seasonable refreshments were dispensed at the close of each entertainment, the cost of which was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council and of the Education Committee, as well as others.

STAFF—David Young, second Junior Assistant, left in August to take up his abode in London, and Frank M. Meakin was selected to fill the vacancy. The former has since received an appointment under the East Ham Library Committee. It only remains to be added that willing and efficient service has been rendered by each member of the staff.

CHARLES H. HUNT,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

# CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Added 1904-1905.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Issues 1904-1905.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Added 1904-1905.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Issues 1904-1905.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	In each Class 1904-1905.	Percentage of the Entire Issue for Each Class, '04-05.	Percentage of the Entire Issue for Each Class, '03-04.
Biography ... ..	1337	25	1362	1995	277	3	280	551	1642	2546	2-3	2-1
Philology and Literary History	246	5	251	455	954	60	1014	642	1265	1097	1-0	1-2
Religion... ..	971	42	1013	1418	314	44	358	521	1371	1939	1-7	1-7
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2345	45	2390	5234	2311	109	2420	1475	4810	6709	5-9	6-0
Mental and Moral Science	175	9	184	354	13	...	13	132	197	486	4	4
Poetry ... ..	553	4	557	779	45	...	45	375	602	1154	1-0	1-0
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ...	6313	198	6511	73142	13	...	13	4881	6524	78023	68-9	68-5
Fine Arts ... ..	295	8	303	966	425	44	469	406	772	1372	1-2	1-2
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1062	44	1106	2763	1168	26	1194	726	2300	3489	3-1	2-7
Technical Literature ... ..	698	38	736	2588	1507	195	1702	1086	2438	3674	3-2	3-2
General and Unclassed Works...	1502	61	1563	9491	717	16	733	1529	2296	11020	9-7	10-0
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	87	14	101	66	101	66	1	1
Music Scores ... ..	382	2	384	1643	...	...	...	50	384	1693	1-5	1-9
Total	15879	481	16360	100828	7831	511	8342	12440	24702	113268		

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 41 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 161,000  
 " " " for Home Reading 335 " Museum " " 33,000  
 " Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 13,631  
 For Home Reading, 101,655  
 Grand Total, 115,286

# MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1904.	Added 1904-5	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Issues for Home Reading 1904-5.	Issues for Reference, 1904-5.	Total issues in each Class, 1904-5.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1904-5.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1903-4.
Biography ... ..	138	12	150	122	132	254	1.2	1.7
Philology and Literary History ... ..	3	—	3	8	18	26	.1	.4
Religion ... ..	38	13	51	58	81	139	.7	.8
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	252	30	282	410	447	857	4.1	4.9
Mental and Moral Science .. ..	8	1	9	14	9	23	.1	.1
Poetry ... ..	58	2	60	92	108	200	1.0	1.2
Prose Fiction ... ..	1331	131	1462	1403	4176	18208	88.8	88.0
Fine Arts ... ..	17	—	17	11	21	32	.1	.1
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	49	14	63	62	77	139	.7	.8
Technical Literature ... ..	29	27	56	194	215	409	2.0	.6
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	44	3	47	123	120	243	1.2	1.4
Total	1967	233	2200	15126	5404	20530		

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 18      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 49

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 123,000

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 5,412

For Home Reading, 15,142

Grand Total, 20,554

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WEEKLIES—Academy, \*Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, \*Architect, Athenæum, Black and White, \*Blackpool Gazette News, \*Blackpool Herald, \*Blackpool Times, \*Board of Trade Journal, \*Bootle Herald, Bootle Times, Builder, Building News, \*Canadian Gazette, \*Catholic Times, \*Civil Service Aspirant, \*Civil Service Candidate, \*Civil Service Competitor, \*Civil Service Weekly, An Claidream Soluis (Gaelic Weekly), Clarion, \*Contract Journal, \*Co-Operative News, \*Cymro, \*Draper's Record, Electrical Review, Engineer, Engineering, English Mechanic, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, \*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents), \*Inquirer, Judy, Lady, Lady's Pictorial, \*Laundry Journal, Lloyd's News, \*Local Government Chronicle, \*Local Government Journal, Mechanical Engineer, Milling, Nature, \*New Century, \*Our Programme (the Liverpool Sunday Society Journal), \*Phonetic Journal, Public Opinion, Punch, Queen, Reynolds' Newspaper, Saturday Review, Scientific American, \*Shipping World, Spectator, Sphere, \*Temperance Chronicle, \*Timber, To-day, Truth, Work.

FORTNIGHTLIES—\*University Correspondent.

MONTHLIES—\*Animals' Friend, Army List, Atlantic Monthly, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Bradshaw's Railway Guide, \*Britain's Opium Harvest, \*British Temperance Advocate, Cassell's Magazine, Century Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Child's Guardian, \*Church of England League Gazette, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, Contemporary Review, \*Cook's Traveller's Gazette, Cornhill Magazine, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Cymru, \*Deliverer, \*Educational Times, \*Electrical Engineer, \*Electrical Power,

Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, \*Epicure, \*Facts, \*Food and Cookery, \*Foresters' Miscellany, Fortnightly Review, \*Free Russia, Gentleman's Magazine, Girl's Own Paper, Good Words, Great Thoughts, Harper's Magazine, \*Herald of Health, \*Herald of the Golden Age, \*Humanitarian, Idler, \*Individualist, \*Insurance Agent, \*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, \*Labour Gazette, \*Land Values, Leisure Hour, \*Liberty Review, \*Literary Guide, \*Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild Gazette, \*London, Seaside and Country, Longmans' Magazine, Macmillan's Magazine, \*Mariner, \*Monthly Journal of the Society of Musicians, \*Musical Herald, Musical Times, \*National Cyclists' Union Review, National Home Reading Union Magazines (Special, General, and Young People's Sections), \*Nature Notes, \*New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, \*Oliver Magazine, \*Our Own Gazette, Pall Mall Magazine, Photogram, \*Primrose League Gazette, \*Prohibitionist, \*Queensland Government Mining Journal, Quiver, \*Register of Deceased Seamen, Review of Reviews, School World, \*Stone Trades Journal, Strand Magazine, Studio, Sunday Magazine, Technics, Temple Bar, \*Travel, \*Tuberculosis, \*Vulcan, Woman at Home, World's Work, \*Young Journalist, Young Man, Young Woman, \*Zoophilist and Animals' Defender.

BI-MONTHLIES—\*Anti-Slavery Reporter, Geninen.

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DAILIES—*Cardiff*: South Wales Daily News. *Dublin*: Freeman's Journal, Irish Times. *Edinburgh*: Scotsman. *Liverpool*: Courier, Journal of Commerce, Post and Mercury, Evening Echo, Evening Express. *London*: Daily Telegraph. *Manchester*: Guardian.

WEEKLIES—Athletic News, \*Bootle Herald, Bootle Times, Building News, Clarion, \*Co-Operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineer, Engineering Times, English Mechanic, Era, Gardening Illustrated, Graphic, Hobbies, Illustrated London News, Labour News, M.A.P., \*Our Programme (the Liverpool Sunday Society Journal), Public Opinion, Punch, Shipping World, Sphere, Tatler, Timber Trades Journal, To-Day, Truth, Work.

MONTHLIES—Captain, Cassell's Magazine, Chambers' Journal, \*Church Missionary Gleaner, \*Church Missionary Intelligencer, \*Electrical Power, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, \*Glad Tidings, Good Words, Household Words, Knowledge, Leisure Hour, \*Literary Guide, London Magazine, Longmans' Magazine, Mariner, Pearson's Magazine, Royal Magazine, Strand Magazine, Sunday Magazine, \*Vulcan, Windsor Magazine, \*Young Journalist, Young Man.

OCCASIONAL—\*Midland Railway Company's Time Table, \*London and North-Western Railway Company's Time Table.

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CARDIFF CORPORATION—"The Welsh Museum: Report 1903-4."

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TO THE

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CAPTAIN BRIDGWATER—A Porphyrio.

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MRS. WEST—Specimens of Coral, etc.

MR. WILLIAMSON—A Chameleon.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE NINETEENTH

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

**Free Library and Museum**

COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1906.

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## NINETEENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

### FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 2nd, 1906.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries and Museum, during the period April 1st, 1905, to March 31st, 1906, as under :—

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—The statistical table at page 14 gives details of accessions to stock, and the use made of the Central Library. During the year there were issued 122,555 works. The circulation of works of fiction, including juvenile tales and stories, was 70·1 per cent. of the total. In this connection, the following observations by Lord Avebury are not without significance :—

“ We are always being told that the clients of our Free Libraries patronise nothing but novels. We hear that seventy or eighty per cent of the books borrowed are fiction. Those figures do not afford a fair comparison, because a novel is read much more quickly than a serious book. A reader will plough through two stories in a week, while he would take a month to a serious book. The true comparison would be the time devoted to serious literature on the one hand, and to fiction on the other. If we could have such a comparison it would, I believe, be satisfactory.”

The daily average output in all classes amounted to 408 works. 941 volumes were added to the Library, and these included a number of fine publications on the topography of the district. As heretofore, care has been exercised to select only those productions which bear a high reputation for literary

excellence and usefulness. 365 volumes were replaced as worn-out or condemned ; and 35 books were disinfected, and one destroyed by fire, because returned from residences where the Medical Officer of Health had notified the existence of infectious disease. 877 volumes were bound, 286 re-sewn or covered afresh, and minor repairs to some hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The number of borrowers, including 344 holders of teacher's tickets, was 4,278 ; of these, 1,093 have taken advantage of the second ticket for non-fictional purposes, thus bringing up the total of tickets in active force to 5,371. Written or personal applications to the number of 919 were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only two cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Eight volumes, valued at 15/6, were lost.

Increased use has been made of the Student's Room, the number of ticket-holders having reached 299. This convenience for the prosecution of quiet study has met with the hearty approval of those concerned

The following issues, in connection with the fortnightly book deliveries for scholars at the eleven elementary schools, were recorded :—Bedford Road, 6638 ; Hawthorne Road, 1,552 ; Salisbury Road, 1,516 ; Gray Street, 875 ; Linacre Lane, 1,718 ; Christ Church, 484 ; St. Mary's, 222 ; St. John's, 1,078 ; St. Winefride's, 60 ; St. James's, 281 ; and St. James's Select, 284. The children, it should be stated, are not precluded from borrowing books between deliveries, and a fair number have taken advantage of this concession. It is pleasing to record that applications for information concerning the system, as well as for copies of the *Catalogue of Books for the Young*, have been received from various parts of the world, and favourable notices thereupon have appeared in *The World's Work* (August), and in *The Millgate Monthly* (March).

Lists of the additions to stock have appeared as usual in the pages of the quarterly *Journal*, and the notes thereupon have proved of undoubted utility to many readers in their quest for profitable reading. Owing, however, to insufficient support, the publication in question ceased with the December issue, but an eight-page circular has been substituted therefor, and will be issued three times a year. A thousand copies of the first number, which was entitled *Mainly About Books*, were circulated gratis to readers, in February. From the point of view of publicity, it is believed that this will prove a more efficacious medium than the former.

The undermentioned catalogues, compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian respectively, have been published :—

*Where Shall I Spend My Holidays ?*

*Some Aids to a Decision.*

*Recent Additions to the Marsh Lane Branch Library.*

The former print occasioned more than ordinary interest, and its usefulness was favourably commented upon in the public press. Dr. Alex. Hill, Master of Downing College, Cambridge, wrote : “ Many thanks for sending me your catalogues of books for the young and holiday books. They are admirable. The books for the young will help us in preparing the National Home Reading Union book lists.” The subjoined extract, which has reference to another of your Committee’s publications, is taken from an article which appeared in *The Economic Review* (January) :—

“ I have before me as I write the small catalogue of Historical Fiction issued by the Bootle Library. It is an excellent index of the subject, showing with what period each work deals, and giving in brief compass the chronological story of the world. The pamphlet would cost only a few shillings to print, and even if distributed to every house in the Borough the outlay would be trifling. It is in some such way that I should attempt the popularization of serious literature in our public libraries.”

Considerable progress has been made in the compilation of a class list relating to biography.

Collections of books on specific topics have been freely lent for educational purposes to the Municipal Technical School, the Intermediate Day School, the School of Art, Bedford Road School, and to Christ Church School. This feature, it may be remarked, has met with the approval of the visiting inspector. Several choice works of a more general character were also lent to Emmanuel Church for exhibition objects, and aroused not a little interest.

In connection with the local Association for University Extension, opportunity was taken of the opening lecture to display a number of important books, contained in the Central Library, relating to the life and works of Shakespeare. In order that the fullest possible use might be made of these items, a typewritten list was prepared, and copies thereof were freely distributed to members and associates. The recommended books were also acquired for general use. As a further incentive to the reading and study of sound literature, the publications of the National Home Reading Union have been

regularly placed upon the tables in the Magazine Reading Room, and every prominence has been given to notices emanating from that excellent institution. These activities, it may be observed, are in consonance with the resolutions embodied in the report of the Committee on Public Education and Public Libraries, which has already been brought under the notice of your Committee.

The district of Orrell having, in November, officially become a part of the Borough, a four-page circular of information, drawing public attention to the facilities afforded by the Libraries and Museum for study and for mental recreation, was issued, and copies, along with guaranty forms, were deposited at every occupied house in that neighbourhood. A fair number of residents, it may be stated, have already availed themselves of the advantages offered.

The Bootle Literary Society has held a limited number of meetings in one of the basement rooms of the institution, where several papers of an interesting and diversified character have been read and discussed.

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS—Good attendance has obtained at the Central Reading Rooms, 146,598 visits having been registered. A list of the newspapers and periodicals provided is furnished at page 16.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY, by reason of its steady advance in public usefulness, has further justified its establishment. The statistical table at page 15 furnishes particulars as to the books in stock, and the use made of the Library. The issues therefrom attained to 21,184 works, whilst the daily average output amounted to 70. There were 545 readers' tickets in active use. 229 volumes were added, and 123 underwent the process of binding. 105 written or personal applications were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only seven instances has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure the return of a book. Six volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially notified, were thoroughly disinfected.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS—These rooms were exceptionally well patronised, 123,000 visits having been recorded. A list of the newspapers and periodical literature supplied occurs on page 18.

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES—The public demands upon the Central and Branch Libraries have constituted a record, 143,739 works having been called for.



**THE MUSEUM**—32,000 visits have been paid to this department. Much useful work in the shape of re-arrangement, labelling, and cleaning of specimens, has been accomplished, especially as regards the collections of shells, corals, and minerals. A number of miscellaneous items, mostly donations, have also been labelled and set out in the middle upper room.

The useful service rendered by the Museum in the provision of objects for teaching purposes has continued unabated. The following schools have freely participated in, and been benefited by, this arrangement, namely:—Municipal Intermediate Day School, School of Art, Technical School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre Lane School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, and the Balliol Road Wesleyan Sunday School. Particulars of the specimens lent have been duly entered in the Record of Loans. Several duplicate examples have been gratuitously distributed amongst certain of the schools aforementioned. On October 25th, a group of scholars from Linacre Lane School visited the Museum, when every facility was afforded for the close inspection of specimens which had formed the basis of object lessons.

On the recommendation of your Committee, the Finance Committee have acquired a series of 22 topographical drawings of exceptional local interest, which, by the courtesy of the latter, have been placed, along with others of a similar character, on permanent exhibition in the middle upper room. Of these items, 18 are the work of the two Herdmans (father and son), and are faithful delineations of portions of the old city or of the surrounding districts now incorporated in modern Liverpool, which have either altogether passed away or are greatly changed. The titles of the pictures read as follows:—Walton Church in 1821; Spellow Lane House, Walton; Crosby Camp, 1860; Sefton Church, 1852; Kirkdale Church; Netherfield Road North and Breckfield Road in 1863; Breck Road (back part) in 1863; Netherfield Road North in 1869; Everton Village with and without the Old Cross; Everton Village in 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1866; Northumberland Terrace, Everton; Everton Road, 1870; Mill Road, Everton; Shaw's Brow; St. George's Church as it appeared in 1792, from a contemporary drawing by Geo. Perry. The four succeeding items are the productions of other hands, namely:—School Lane, 1864; and the Old Dock, view of Custom House taken from Trasford's Wyent, by J. McGahey; New Brighton in 1839, by T. H.; and Van Dries House, by J. Butler. This exhibit has proved a fruitful source of attraction to visitors.

During the summer months much interest was evinced by the general public in an exhibition nest of living ants.

THE ART ROOM—Thanks to the courtesy of the Board of Education, the period under review has been one of exceptional activity in the Art Room. The appearance of this apartment was greatly enhanced by the receipt, on June 8th, of a fresh collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, which comprised Lacquer, Wood, and Ivories (23 examples); Indian Metal, brass and inlay (33 examples); Persian Arms and Armour (29 examples); Chinese Porcelain (27 examples); Textiles (2 frames); Japanese Paintings on Silk (4 frames); Japanese and Chinese Embroideries (3 frames); Japanese Water-Colour Painting of Birds; Japanese Lacquer Work (3 frames); and Oil Paintings (7 frames). The collection is valued at £1,400. It is gratifying to record that, as the result of improved night-watching facilities, the Board generously extended the value of this loan by £300.

On the 15th of the same month, a collection of Embroideries was received on loan and remained on view for three months. This exhibit, contained in 55 imperial frames, embraced some exceptionally fine examples of needlework, and was appraised at £300.

The 13th of November witnessed the arrival of a series of Water-Colour Drawings of Pompeii, by Luigi Bazzani, which were lent for a like period. These drawings, the value of which was set down at £1,100, were enclosed in 79 frames. In order to stimulate public interest therein, 2,000 copies of a four-page leaflet, giving the titles of the pictures and some appropriate reading on the locality concerned, were printed and gratuitously circulated.

On March 14th, a number of choice Photographs of Westminster Abbey came to hand. These remarkably fine examples of the photographer's art, to the number of 68, are comprised in some 34 frames. This collection will remain here on loan until the middle of June next.

The permanent collection, too, was enriched by the acquisition, on January 11th, of 13 choice facsimiles of ancient Bronzes, the originals of which were unearthed at Herculaneum and at Pompeii, and are now preserved in the National Museum, Naples. These artistic souvenirs of a remote past have been labelled and temporarily displayed in the middle upper room; and the cost thereof, which amounted to £50, was generously defrayed by the Education Committee, supplemented by a grant in aid from the Board of Education.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered on the following subjects, as under :—

<i>1905.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
Oct. 26—	THE CURATOR ... ..	Some Makers of British Art.
Nov. 30—	C. ST. C. CRAWLEY, Esq. ...	Is it a Butterfly or a Moth?
Dec. 14—	THE CURATOR ... ..	The Story of the British Coinage— I. The Modern Method of Minting.
<i>1906.</i>		
Jan. 25—	W. H. EDWARDS, Esq. ...	The Science of Afternoon Rambles.
Mar. 1—	E. W. EDWARDS, Esq. ...	The Pearl Fisheries of Ceylon.
Mar. 29—	THE CURATOR ... ..	The Story of the British Coinage— II. Some Coins of Historical Interest.

Each address was illustrated by lantern slides and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. Fully 500 persons attended the series.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

<i>1905.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 13—	J. BUTLER FORTAY, Esq. ...	Balfe and his Music ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> )	1,100
Nov. 20—	REV. THOMAS W. M. LUND, M.A.	*The Italian Lakes: their Scenery, Art, and Archæology.	1,100
Nov. 27—	GEORGE J. DRYSDALE, Esq. ..	*Wireless Telegraphy ( <i>with experiments</i> )	700
Dec. 4—	DR. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*A Tour from Winchester to Canterbury by the Pilgrims' Way.	800
Dec. 11—	HAROLD WHALLEY, Esq. ...	*Rambles in the English Lake District.	900
Dec. 18—	MISS ETHEL B. JAMES ...	Dramatic and Miscellane- ous Recitals.	600

1906.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Jan. 8—	A. T. DE MOULPIED, Esq., M.Sc., Ph.D.	*The Passion Play at Ober- Ammergau.	850
Jan. 15—	R. SINCLAIR ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.	*From the Mersey to the Bristol Channel.	700
Jan. 22—	REV. ROBERT KILLIP, F.R.A.S.	*Revealed by a Shadow ; or, the glories of a Total Solar Eclipse.	550
Jan. 29—	GEORGE SEATREE, Esq. ...	*Mountaineering and Rock Climbing in the British Isles.	850
Feb. 5—	HERBERT R. RATHBONE, Esq.	*Some Impressions of American People, Scenery, and Educa- tional Work.	750
Feb. 12—	REV. E. THEODORE CARRIER.	Four Modern Novelists : Thomas Hardy, Hall Caine, Marie Corelli, and Rudyard Kipling.	550
Feb. 19—	SOMERS H. ELLIS, Esq. ...	*Some Aspects of Modern Egypt.	350
Feb. 26—	FRED. W. SAXBY, Esq. ...	*In Crystal Wonderland.	550
Mar. 5—	REV. EDMUND WALSH ...	*A Glimpse at the Universe.	650
Mar. 12—	GEORGE E. THOMPSON, Esq.	*In the Corsican Highlands.	500
Mar. 19—	JOHN LEE, Esq., B.A. ...	Robert Browning : his Life and his Work ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	550
Mar. 26—	ALBERT E. WORKMAN, Esq.	Two English Musicians : Sir Wm. Sterndale Bennett and Wm. Vin- cent Wallace ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	1,200

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\* Optical Illustrations.

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned eighteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1905.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 11—	HAROLD WHALLEY, Esq. ...	*Some Days in the Netherlands.	360
Nov. 18—	JOHN LEE, Esq., B.A. ...	English Humorous Verse (with <i>Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	300
Nov. 25—	REV. ROBERT KILLIP, F.R.A.S.	*Some Canadian and American Snapshots ; with an account of the great Yerkes Observatory.	340
Dec. 2—	GEORGE SEATREE, Esq. ...	*Mountaineering and Rock Climbing in the British Isles.	370
Dec. 9—	SOMERS H. ELLIS, Esq. ...	*Some Aspects of Modern Egypt.	300
Dec. 16—	REV. JOHN COTTON, M.A., D.D.	*Rambles in Rome.	280
<i>1906.</i>			
Jan. 6—	J. BUTLER FORTAY, Esq. ...	Mozart and his Music (with <i>Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> )	340
Jan. 13—	GEORGE E. THOMPSON, Esq.	*Adventures in Majorca.	210
Jan. 20—	FRED W. SAXBY, Esq. ...	*Dust as seen through the Microscope : its Origin, Nature, and Influence.	190
Jan. 27—	EVAN W. EDWARDS, Esq. ...	*New Zealand and the Maoris.	270
Feb. 3—	REV. ROBERT B. DE WOLF, M.A.	*To the Rocky Mountains.	270
Feb. 10—	REV. E. THEODORE CARRIER...	Lights and Shadows of the Crimean War.	300



1906.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Feb. 17—	A. T. DE MOUILPIED, Esq., M. Sc., Ph.D.	Flame ( <i>with experiments</i> ).	220
Feb. 24—	R. SINCLAIR ARCHER, Esq., F.R.S.S.A.	*Camp Life.	300
Mar. 3—	MISS ETHEL B. JAMES ...	Dramatic and Humorous Recitals.	250
Mar. 10—	GEORGE J. DRYSDALE, Esq....	*The Burns Country.	240
Mar. 17—	DR. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*The River Dee from Arran to Hilbre.	280
Mar. 24—	ALBERT E. WORKMAN, Esq. ...	Music : Ancient, Mediæval and Modern ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illus- trations</i> ).	440

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*\*Optical Illustrations.*

The intervention of the General Election, with its accompanying distractions, somewhat militated against the attendance during the month of January. Thanks are due, and are hereby heartily tendered, to the Finance Committee, for their public spiritedness in having again permitted the use of the respective halls free of charge.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—For the third successive winter, lantern entertainments were given, at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall respectively, to the poorer children in attendance at the local elementary schools. Fully 1,800 little folk were present at the three yule-tide fixtures, and appeared to greatly enjoy the proceedings. Seasonable refreshments were dispensed at the close of each entertainment, the cost of which was generously discharged by members of the Town Council and of the Education Committee, as well as others.

STAFF—Owing to persistent ill-health, David Harding (since deceased) resigned his position in August, and Benjamin Robinson was added to the staff. William Burgess, 2nd Senior Assistant, having received an appointment under the Birkenhead Public Library Committee, left in February to take up his new duties. Advantage was taken of this opening to promote



Harold Tempest and Robert McElnea to the 2nd and 3rd Senior Assistant-ships respectively, and Richard Haxby, formerly School Delivery Attendant, was appointed to the vacant post of 1st Junior Assistant. It only remains to be added that willing and efficient service has been rendered by one and all.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1906.

JAMES R. BARBOUR,  
*Chairman.*

CHARLES H. HUNT,  
*Librarian and Curator.*

# CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

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	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Added 1905-1906.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1906.	Issues 1905-1906.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Added 1905-1906.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1906.	Issues 1905-1906.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1906.	In each Class 1905-1906.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '05-'06.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for Each Class, '04-'05.
Biography ... ..	1362	82	1444	2493	280	2	282	447	1726	2940	2.4	2.3
Philology and Literary History	251	4	255	457	1014	36	1050	815	1305	1272	1.0	1.0
Religion... ..	1013	21	1034	1484	358	9	367	524	1401	2008	1.6	1.7
Sociology, Political History,												
Topography and Travel ...	2390	121	2511	6024	2420	74	2494	1395	5005	7419	6.1	5.9
Mental and Moral Science ..	184	5	189	383	13	..	13	112	202	495	.4	.4
Poetry ... ..	557	9	566	889	45	6	51	266	617	1155	.9	1.0
Prose Fiction, including Fiction												
in the Juvenile Library ...	6511	232	6743	82445	13	..	13	3440	6756	85885	70.1	68.9
Fine Arts ... ..	303	7	310	1111	469	27	496	356	806	1467	1.2	1.2
Mathematical and Natural												
Science ... ..	1106	17	1123	2941	1194	10	1204	798	2327	3739	3.1	3.1
Technical Literature ... ..	736	23	759	2421	1702	149	1851	930	2610	3351	2.7	3.2
General and Unclassed Works...	1563	51	1614	9850	733	22	755	1334	2369	11184	9.1	9.7
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	101	22	123	27	123	27	.1	.1
Music Scores ... ..	384	12	396	1546	...	...	...	67	396	1613	1.3	1.5
Total ... ..	16360	584	16944	112044	8342	357	8699	10511	25643	122555		

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 35 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 147,000  
 " " " for Home Reading 373 Museum " " " 32,000  
 Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 12,000.  
 For Home Reading, 112,947  
 Grand Total, 124,947

# MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1905.	Added 1905-6	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1906.	Issues for Home Reading 1905-6.	Issues for Reference, 1905-6.	Total Issues in each Class, 1905-6.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1905-6.	Percentage on the Entire Issue for each Class, 1904-5.
Biography ... ..	150	20	170	192	164	356	1.7	1.2
Philology and Literary History ... ..	3	—	3	8	2	10	.1	.1
Religion ... ..	51	23	74	107	68	175	.8	.7
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	282	29	311	456	414	870	4.1	4.1
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	9	2	11	8	15	23	.1	.1
Poetry ... ..	60	5	65	151	97	248	1.1	1.0
Prose Fiction ... ..	1462	110	1572	14460	4259	18719	88.4	88.8
Fine Arts ... ..	17	7	24	14	19	33	.1	.1
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	63	23	86	96	58	154	.8	.7
Technical Literature ... ..	56	3	59	158	138	296	1.4	2.0
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	47	7	54	169	131	300	1.4	1.2
Total	2200	229	2429	15819	5365	21184		

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 18      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 52

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 123,000

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 5,381

For Home Reading, 15,848

Grand Total, 21,229

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Gazette, Cornhill Magazine, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Cymru, \*Deliverer, \*Educational Times, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, \*Epicure, \*Facts, \*Food and Cookery, \*Foresters' Miscellany, Fortnightly Review, \*Free Russia, \*Garden City, Gentleman's Magazine, Girl's Own Paper, Good Words, Great Thoughts, Harper's Magazine, \*Herald of Health, \*Herald of the Cross, \*Humanitarian, Idler, \*Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool Monthly Magazine, \*Individualist, \*Insurance Agent, \*Journal of the Clerks of Works Association, \*Labour Gazette, \*Land Values, \*Liberty Review, \*Literary Guide, \*Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild Gazette, Macmillan's Magazine, \*Mariner, \*Monthly Journal of the Society of Musicians, \*Musical Herald, Musical Times, \*National Cyclists' Union Review, National Home Reading Union Magazines (Special, General, and Young People's Sections), \*National Review, \*Nature Notes, \*New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, \*Oliver Magazine, \*Our Own Gazette, Pall Mall Magazine, Photogram, \*Prohibitionist, \*Queensland Government Mining Journal, Quiver, \*Rational Journal, \*Register of Deceased Seamen, Review of Reviews, School World, \*State Correspondent, \*Stone Trades Journal, Strand Magazine, Studio, Sunday Magazine, Temple Bar, \*Travel, \*Tuberculosis, \*Vulcan, Woman at Home, World's Work, Young Man, Young Woman, \*Zoophilist and Animals' Defender.

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## TWENTIETH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

### FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 1st, 1907.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries and Museum, during the period April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907, as under :—

**THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**—The statistical table at page 13 gives details of the accessions to stock, as well as of the use made of the Library. During the period under consideration, which has been one of steady progress, there were issued 132,063 works, giving an average output in all classes of 444 works per day. 829 volumes were added, and these included, among other important items, several publications on local topography. As formerly, exceptional care has been taken to select only those productions which bear a high reputation for literary excellence and utility. 765 volumes were replaced as worn-out or condemned ; and 79 books, returned from residences where the Medical Officer of Health had notified the existence of infectious disease, were disinfected. 908 volumes were bound. 324 re-sewn or covered afresh, and minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The number of borrowers, including 394 holders of teachers' tickets, was 4,906 ; of these, 1,149 have availed themselves of the second ticket for non-fictional purposes, thus bringing up the total of tickets in active force to 6,055. 1,256 written or personal applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only one instance has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure restoration. Nine volumes, valued at 18/-, were lost.

Satisfactory use was made of the Student's Room, for which facility 295 tickets have been granted.

In connection with the fortnightly Book Deliveries at the eleven elementary schools, the following issues were recorded ;—Bedford Road, 6,734 ; Hawthorne Road, 2,494 ; Salisbury Road, 1,462 ; Gray Street, 1,610 ; Linacre Lane, 2,694 ; Christ Church, 1,417 ; St. Mary's, 546 ; St. John's, 1,270 ; St. Winefride's, 463 ; St. James', 299 ; and St. James's Select, 299. The children, it may be observed, are not precluded from borrowing from the Library between deliveries, and, as evidence of their active appreciation of this concession, it is pleasing to note that no less than 17,344 additional issues were registered. Enquiries for information concerning the Book Delivery System have been constantly received, and these have met with a ready response. Complimentary reference thereto was made at the Conference of the Library Association, held at Bradford in September.

The undermentioned catalogues, compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian respectively, have been published :—

*Mainly About Books (Three issues).*

*Second Supplementary List of Additions to the Marsh Lane Branch Library.*

The former print, the utility of which has been favourably commented upon by the press, is gratuitously circulated three times per annum, and has led to a large demand for the books entered therein. A class-list of the biographical literature contained in the Library has been completed, but owing to financial exigencies its publication was unavoidably deferred. Good progress has been made in the compilation of the third supplement to the catalogue.

Collections of books on specific topics have again been requisitioned for educative purposes by the Municipal Technical School, and by the School of Art. These loans, which are appreciated alike by teachers and students, not only serve to draw attention to the more instructive contents of the Library, but lead to a larger individual demand therefor. Many choice and valuable books of a more general character have also been lent for exhibition objects to Ash Street Chapel, the Balliol Road P.S.A. Literary Society, the Orrell Branch of St. Philip's Men's Institute, and to St. Matthew's Literary Society. Much interest was evinced in the publications displayed.

Not the least interesting feature of the year's work has been the establishment, at the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Ltd., of a Book Delivery Station. The first delivery of books took place on October 26th, and since that date weekly consignments have been regularly made. Upwards of 200 tickets have been made use of by female employees, and the issues have reached the encouraging total of 4,346 works. The firm named, it may be added, has accepted full responsibility for all books loaned, and no modification of the existing rules has been necessitated.

During the summer months considerable public interest was manifested in a collection of holiday literature, which was openly displayed in the entrance hall of the institution. Advantage was taken of the spirit of enquiry thus evoked to bring up to date, by means of a type-written list, the catalogue entitled, *Where Shall I Spend My Holidays?*—a publication which has elicited many encouraging paragraphs from the press.

The Bootle Photographic Society has held its winter meetings in one of the basement rooms of the building, where an interesting programme of lectures and demonstrations has been submitted for the delectation of members and others interested.

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS—Excellent attendance has obtained at these rooms, 150,720 visits having been registered. Considerable improvement was effected in the appearance of the News Room, by the transformation of certain ungainly newspaper stands into lean-to reading slopes. This readjustment has, among other things, afforded improved oversight, and yielded extra accommodation for the display of papers.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY—The statistical table at page 14 furnishes particulars as to the books in stock, and the use made of the Library. The issues therefrom attained to 22,108 works, whilst the daily average output amounted to 73. There were 502 readers' tickets in active use. 170 volumes were added, 133 underwent the process of binding, and three were re-sewn. Written or personal applications to the number of 117 were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only five cases has a request to the guarantor been necessary to secure return. Three volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially intimated, were disinfected.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS—These rooms have proved exceedingly popular, 137,302 visits having been recorded.

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES—It is gratifying to be able to announce that the public demands made upon the Central and Branch Libraries have created a new record, 154,171 issues having resulted. The following is a summary of the book issues for the past twenty years:—

1887-88 (4½ months) Central...	9,354	1897-98	Central...	108,390
1888-89 ... .. „ ...	42,509	1898-99 ... .. „ ...	112,782	
1889-90 ... .. „ ...	50,043	1899-1900 ... .. „ ...	103,180	
1890-91 ... .. „ ...	56,710	1900-1901 ... .. „ ...	106,355	
1891-92 ... .. „ ...	65,727	1901-1902 ... .. „ ...	115,657	
1892-93 ... .. „ ...	72,632	1902-1903 Central and Branch	126,302	
1893-94 ... .. „ ...	75,385	1903-1904 „ .. „	132,048	
1894-95 ... .. „ ..	78,353	1904-1905 „ .. „	133,798	
1895-96 ... .. „ ..	88,798	1905-1906 „ .. „	143,739	
1896-97 ... .. „ ...	102,200	1906-1907 „ .. „	154,171	

THE MUSEUM—30,102 visits were paid to this department, which has been painted and colour-washed throughout. The zoological specimens have been cleaned, renovated, and entirely re-arranged; whilst sundry gifts of a miscellaneous character were suitably labelled and displayed.

The permanent collection was enriched by the acquisition, in March, of a group of Ringed Plovers. This instructive exhibit, which shows the birds in their natural surroundings, should prove an added attraction to the Bird Room.

Loans of objects for teaching purposes have been freely granted to the following schools, namely, Municipal Intermediate Day School, School of Art, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre Lane School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, and St. John's School. Particulars of the specimens lent have been duly entered in the official Record. It is worthy of mention, in this association, that Mr. R. Rostron, of the School of Art, has secured the silver medal in the National Competition with a drawing of a group of Macaws, the specimens for which were supplied from the Museum cases.

In May, and again in June, a number of scholars from the Lander Road School, Litherland, accompanied by their teachers, visited the Museum, when

every facility was afforded for the close inspection of objects which had formed the subject of school lessons.

Thanks to the public spiritedness of Mr. A. E. Horrocks, of Blundellsands, the upper Middle Room has presented an unusually bright aspect, consequent upon the loan, in May, of an exceptionally fine collection of English Table Glass (113 pieces), Old Pewter (69 pieces), and Illuminated Missals of the 15th Century (2 examples). These exhibits, upon the labelling of which much care was expended, have proved a fruitful source of interest to collectors as well as to the general public.

THE ART ROOM—The appearance of this apartment, thanks to the courtesy of the Board of Education, was rendered especially inviting by the receipt, in February, of a fresh loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, illustrative of Italian Industrial Art. The collection comprised the following exhibits:—Musical Instruments (6 examples); Woodwork (5 examples); reproductions of Bronzes (31 examples); Maiolica (18 examples); Glass (31 examples); reproductions of Medals (6 examples); Jewellery (46 examples); Photographs of Terra Cotta (4 frames); Photographs of Architecture (4 mounts); High Altar Decoration (1 frame); Marble Inlay (1 frame); Distemper paintings on Canvas (1 frame); Photographs of Intarsia (3 frames); Panel of Tiles (1 frame); illustrations of Pottery and Tiles (3 frames); Mirror Frame; reproductions of Plaques (1 frame); Textiles (11 frames); illustrations of Textiles (4 frames); Plaster Casts of Gesso Work (3 frames); and Photographs of Sculpture (5 frames).

Your Committee hereby heartily acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr. W. W. Watts, F.S.A., and to Mr. R. F. Martin, of the Circulation Division, for the generous assistance afforded by them in the selection and arrangement of the objects above enumerated. The collection, which is valued at £1,150, is loaned for 18 months.

The 18th of February witnessed the arrival, from the same helpful source, of a series of choice Photographs of Paintings in the National Gallery. This collection, comprised in 54 frames, embraced examples by masters of the Flemish, French, and Spanish Schools, and is lent for four months.

A handbill, drawing public attention to the foregoing treasures, has been printed and extensively circulated.



FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered on the following subjects, as under :—

1906.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Nov. 15—THE CURATOR	... ..	The Book Beautiful ; or, the Romance of the Bookbinder's Art.
Dec. 13—MR. L. W. GRENSTED, B.A.		Footprints on the Sands of Time—as seen at Storeton.
1907.		
Jan. 16—MR. L. W. GRENSTED, B.A.		Some of Nature's Eldest Children.
Jan. 31—THE CURATOR	...	When the Painter's Art was Young.
Feb. 28—MR. C. ST. C. CRAWLEY	...	Our Insect Friends and Foes.
Mar. 21—THE CURATOR	... ..	Nature's Reputed Outlaws : some Reptiles and their Story.

Each address was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. Some 500 persons attended the series. The initial fixture was rendered more than ordinarily engaging by the exhibition of a number of choice historical examples of the binder's handicraft, very kindly lent by Messrs. Henry Young & Sons, of Liverpool. These items were appraised at £174.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

1906.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 12—MR. J. BUTLER FORTAY	... ..	Richard Wagner and "the Music of the Future" (with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations).	1,100
Nov. 19—MISS E. M. WOOD	... ..	*Delamere Forest : from its Historical, Natural and Picturesque Points of View.	600
Nov. 26—DR. W. MURRAY CAIRNS	... ..	*Some Interesting Features of Japanese Life and Character.	1,000
Dec. 3—REV. FREDERIC F. GRENSTED, M.A.		*Ice and Snow.	650



<i>1906.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Dec. 10—	MISS ETHEL B. JAMES ...	Dramatic and Miscellaneous Recitals.	800
Dec. 17—	MISS MARY WILSON, L.R.A.M.	Jacobitism and Jacobite Songs ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> ).	800
<i>1907.</i>			
Jan. 14—	MRS. KATE SARGINT ...	*The Art of Morland, Romney, and Constable.	600
Jan. 21—	CAPTAIN J. C. DRUMMOND ...	*One Million Miles of Ocean Travel, Part II., with Narratives of Personal Experience.	900
Jan. 28—	MR. FRED. W. SAXBY ...	*Insect Hairs, Curious and Beautiful.	400
Feb. 4—	MR. E. RIMBAULT DIBDIN ...	*David Garrick: his Life and Times.	500
Feb. 11—	DR. A. T. DE MOULPIED, M. Sc.	Ancient and Modern Popular Delusions.	400
Feb. 12—	REV. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*Prince Charlie and the '45 ( <i>This lecture was postponed from January 7th.</i> )	310
Feb. 18—	REV. E. THEODORE CARRIER	Charles Lamb and His Circle.	350
Feb. 25—	DR. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*Pictures in Music ( <i>with Pianoforte Solos</i> )	600
Mar. 4—	MR. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	A Merry Night with Lancashire Humorists ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	700
Mar. 11—	DR. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*Derbyshire Days: Wanderings among the Dales and Tors of the High Peak.	800

<i>1907.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Mar. 18—REV. T. J. WALSHE, B.A., F.R.A.S.		*A Recent Holiday in Italy.	600
Mar. 25—MR. ALBERT E. WORKMAN		The Life and Works of Guiseppe Verdi ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).	1,200
			<hr/> 12,310

*\*Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES.—The undermentioned eighteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1906.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 10—MR. SAMUEL CLARKE	...	The National Anthems of Europe ( <i>with Musical Illustrations by a Choir of 35 Voices</i> ).	500
Nov. 17—DR. A. T. DE MOUILPIED, M. Sc.		*Early Man in Britain.	390
Nov. 24—REV. T. J. WALSHE, B.A., F.R.A.S.		*Nature Study.	300
Dec. 1—MR. JOSHUA W. SCHOLEFIELD, J.P.		*Impressions of Cuba.	320
Dec. 8—CAPTAIN J. C. DRUMMOND	...	*One Million Miles of Ocean Travel, Part I., with Narratives of Personal Experience.	460
Dec. 15—MISS MARY WILSON, L.R.A.M.		Old English Ballads ( <i>with Vocal Illustrations</i> ).	420
<i>1907.</i>			
Jan. 5—MR. J. BUTLER FORTAY	...	Hector Berlioz and Pro- gramme Music ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	300
Jan. 12—REV. ROBERT B. DE WOLF, M.A.		*A Cruise in the Western Fjords of Norway.	320

<i>1907.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Jan. 19—	REV. FREDERIC F. GRENSTED, M.A.	*Studies in Cloudland.	260
Jan. 26—	MISS ETHEL B. JAMES ...	Dramatic and Humorous Recitals.	260
Feb. 2—	MRS. KATE SARGINT ...	*The Art of Gainsborough, Turner, and Reynolds.	200
Feb. 9—	DR. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*Pictures in Music ( <i>with Pianoforte Solos</i> )	260
Feb. 16—	REV. E. THEODORE CARRIER	Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector.	160
Feb. 23—	DR. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*The Avon and Shakespeare Country.	200
Mar. 2—	MR. E. RIMBAULT DIBDIN ...	*The Magic Carpet.	200
Mar 9—	MR. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	A Merry Night with Lan- cashire Humorists ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> )	250
Mar. 16—	MR. FRED. W. SAXBY ...	*The Spider as an Engineer.	170
Mar. 23—	MR. ALBERT E. WORKMAN ...	The Life and Works of Charles François Gounod ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> )	500
			<hr/> 5,470

\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

Wet and stormy weather militated against the attendance on several occasions. The installation of an electric lantern, at the Assembly Hall, has materially contributed to the success attending the illustrated lectures.

Acknowledgments are due, and are hereby warmly offered, to the Finance Committee, for their considerateness in having again permitted the use of the respective halls free of charge.

CINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENTS—On the evenings of December 29th and 31st cinematograph exhibitions were given at the Town Hall, and at the Assembly Hall, to certain of the poorer children in attendance at the eleven elementary schools. Upwards of 2,100 little folk were present at the three Yule-tide fixtures, and enthusiastically enjoyed the proceedings. Seasonable refreshments were distributed to ticket-holders at the close of each entertainment, and the cost thereof was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council, the Education Committee, and others.

STAFF—There has been no change in the *personnel* of the staff, and it only remains to be said that, cheerful and efficient service has been rendered by each member.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1907.

JAMES R. BARBOUR,

*Chairman.*

CHARLES H. HUNT,

*Librarian and Curator.*





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Biography ... ..	170	17	187	161	153	314	1.4	1.7
Philology and Literary History ... ..	3	2	5	11	8	19	.1	.1
Religion ... ..	74	5	79	122	54	176	.8	.8
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	311	15	326	440	399	839	3.8	4.1
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	11	2	13	61	4	65	.3	.1
Poetry ... ..	65	3	68	88	76	164	.8	1.1
Prose Fiction ... ..	1572	119	1691	15344	4331	19675	89.0	88.4
Fine Arts ... ..	24	2	26	11	19	30	.1	.1
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	86	2	88	101	84	185	.8	.8
Technical Literature ... ..	59	2	61	160	156	316	1.4	1.4
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	54	1	55	156	169	325	1.5	1.4
Total	2429	170	2599	16655	5453	22108		

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 18      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 55

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE TWENTY-FIRST

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum

### COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1908

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE, 1908.*

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# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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## TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

### FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries and Museum, for the year ended March 31st, 1908, as follows: -

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—During the period under review, there were issued 127,289 works, giving a daily average output in all classes of 422. 575 volumes were added to stock, and these embraced, among other noteworthy items, several important publications bearing upon local history and topography. As in former years, care has been taken to select only those productions which have secured a recognised position for literary excellence and usefulness. Statistical details appertaining thereto are given on page 13. 499 volumes were replaced as worn-out or condemned; and 68 books, returned from residences where the Medical Officer of Health had notified the existence of infectious disease, were disinfected. 956 volumes were bound, 267 re-sewn or covered anew, and minor repairs to numerous books were executed by the staff. The number of active borrowers enrolled, including 444 holders of teachers' tickets, was 4,775; of these, 1,026 have availed themselves of the second ticket for non-fictional purposes, thus bringing up the grand total of tickets to 5,801. 1,440 written or personal applications were made to readers for the return of over-due books, but in only two cases has an appeal to the guarantor been necessary to secure restoration. Eleven volumes, valued at 24/-, were lost.

180 Tickets have been granted for the use of the Students' Room, and this convenience for the prosecution of quiet study has again proved a boon to the bona fide student.

In connection with the fortnightly Book Deliveries at the eleven elementary schools, the following issues were recorded :—Bedford Road, 5,281 ; Hawthorne Road, 2,251 ; Salisbury Road, 1,433 ; Gray Street, 2,677 ; Linacre Lane, 2,534 ; Christ Church, 1,738 ; St. Mary's, 382 ; St. John's, 1,809 ; St. James', 661 ; St. James' Select, 161 ; and St. Winefride's, 637. In addition to the foregoing figures, 12,866 issues have been registered between deliveries. These returns, however, show a falling off of 4,478, as compared with those of the previous year, and this may be largely ascribed to the limitation of the hours during which children are permitted to attend at the Library. Constant enquiries as to the working of the Book Delivery System have been received, and information thereupon has been readily vouchsafed.

At the request of Mr. Alfred Yates, Head Master of the Linacre Lane Council School, certain boys were entrusted with a second book for purposes of study during school hours. It is pleasing to learn that the *viva voce* examinations, which followed upon the reading of the books, have proved fruitful in results. The principle, which is fraught with much promise, might with advantage be further extended.

The undermentioned catalogues, compiled by the Librarian and Sub-Librarian, have been published :—

*Mainly About Books (Two issues).*

*Third Supplement to the General Catalogue (86 pages).*

The former print was discontinued with the issue of No. 6, and the *Bootle Readers' Review* (monthly) substituted therefor. The latter publication, issued under the joint auspices of the National Home Reading Union, and the Library Association, has for its main object the popularization of that which is best in the domain of literature, and should prove a valuable guide to readers in the choice of books. Good progress has been made in the compilation of the 6th edition of the *Catalogue of Books for the Young*, and the Education Committee, recognising its utility as an aid to the dissemination of healthy literature amongst school children, have generously sanctioned a grant towards the cost of printing.

Collections of books on specific topics have again been requisitioned for educative purposes by the Municipal Intermediate Day School, Technical School, School of Art, and the Pupil Teachers' Centre. These loans, the

serviceability of which it is impossible to gauge, are appreciated alike by teachers and students. Many choice and valuable books, of a more general character, have also been lent for exhibition purposes to the Balliol Road Wesleyan Church and P.S.A. Brotherhood, Emmanuel Church, and to St. Matthew's Literary Society. Marked interest was manifested in the publications displayed.

The Book Delivery Station, established in connection with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Ltd., has been satisfactorily maintained, 5,480 issues having been made to the female employees of that firm.

In view of the interest previously shewn by the public in the open exhibition of a small collection of holiday literature, arrangements were made for a more comprehensive display in the entrance hall of the institution. During the summer months, free access was afforded to upwards of 200 guides, which treated of holiday resorts in the British Isles as well as on the Continent. The main object of the exhibition, which proved extremely popular, was to try and demonstrate to readers what a wealth of useful topographical information could be obtained in response to a postcard. Advantage was taken of the attention thus aroused, to bring up to date, by means of a type-written list, the catalogue entitled, *Where Shall I Spend My Holidays?*—a publication which has not only elicited much commendation, but has been extensively copied.

The Bootle Photographic Society has conducted a progressive winter session in one of the basement rooms of the building, where a programme of lectures and demonstrations of an informative character has been submitted for the edification of members and others interested.

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS—Excellent attendance has obtained at these rooms, 153,854 visits having been recorded.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY—The statistical table at page 14 furnishes particulars as to the books in stock, and the use made of the Library. The issues therefrom attained to 20,250 works, whilst the daily average output amounted to 66. There were 458 readers' tickets in active use. 180 volumes were added, and 182 underwent the process of binding. 123 well-worn books were replaced by new copies. Written or personal applications to the number of 131 were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding

books, but in only two instances has a request to the guarantor been necessary to secure return. Nine volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially intimated, were disinfected.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS—124,228 visits have been paid to these newly-painted rooms, which have proved both attractive and popular.

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES—The public calls made upon the resources of Central and Branch Libraries, though fewer by 6,632 than those registered for last year, have resulted in the handsome total of 147,539 issues, being the second best on record.

THE MUSEUM—43,452 visits were paid to this department, which has been characterised by exceptional activity. A portion of the ornithological collection, embracing some 370 specimens, has been cleaned and renovated, and the workmanlike treatment the exhibits have received has greatly improved their appearance. Sundry gifts of a miscellaneous character, a list of which appears on another page, were suitably labelled and displayed.

Loans of specimens for teaching purposes have been freely extended to the following educational establishments, namely: Municipal Intermediate Day School, School of Art, Technical School, Pupil Teachers' Centre, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre Lane School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, St. Winefride's School, and the Day Industrial School. This serviceable feature, it may be remarked, has been favourably commented upon in the pages of the *Museums Journal*. Objects have also been loaned for public purposes to the Balliol Road Wesleyan Church, to the P.S.A. Brotherhood in connection therewith, and to the Historical Exhibition of Liverpool Antiquities, held at the Walker Art Gallery. Particulars of the various specimens lent have been duly entered in the official Record.

Visits have been paid to the Museum by groups of scholars from Linacre Lane School, St. Mary's School, and St. Thomas' School, Seaforth. The children were invariably accompanied by their teachers, who profitably descanted upon certain of the more important exhibits.

THE ART ROOM—The appearance of this apartment was rendered especially attractive by the receipt, in August, of the Third Circulating Collection of Water-Colour Paintings of the British School, valued at £1,400.



The collection, comprised in 103 frames, was kindly lent by the Board of Education for three months. Handbills drawing public attention to the collection were extensively circulated throughout the Borough, and some notes concerning the educational significance of the paintings were contributed by the Curator to the local press; these led to an augmented attendance. 182 copies of the Board's catalogue were called for, notwithstanding that the pictures were well labelled.

The above-mentioned display was followed, in December, by an exhibition of Pictorial Mementos of Old Liverpool, Bootle, &c., which, thanks to the unique character of many of the exhibits, attracted considerable attention locally. In all, the collection numbered 265 items, for the loan of which your Committee were indebted to the following generous contributors, namely :—Mr. J. Bromley, J.P., Mr. J. H. Cairns, Mr. L. Catterall, Mr. J. M. Cohen, Earl of Derby, K.G., Mr. T. G. Deyes, Mr. A. D. Golding, Mr. C. R. Hand, Liverpool Public Libraries Committee, Mr. W. L. Nickels, Mr. J. Rankin, Mr. S. Reeves, Mr. E. B. Royden, Mr. R. Stewart-Brown, Miss J. Sudell, Mr. J. W. Wilkinson, Mr. B. J. Wolfenden, Mr. W. Wright, and Messrs. H. Young & Sons. During the three months the collection was on view, the Museum was visited by 11,347 persons, and 475 copies of the illustrated catalogue, compiled by the Curator and Sub-Librarian, were sold. Not the least interesting feature of the exhibition was the large number of visits paid thereto by teachers and scholars from the local elementary schools.

In February 61 frames, illustrative of Illuminated Manuscripts, were received on loan from the Board of Education for a limited period. The collection, which is of an unusually representative character, was appraised at £800. The Curator has compiled a few memoranda relative to the methods of the old-time illuminators, 1,000 copies of which have been printed for gratuitous circulation.

The month of March witnessed an exhibition of works executed by students of the Bootle School of Art. The drawings, which were of a high order of merit, were inspected by 3,247 visitors during the nineteen days they were on view. A noteworthy feature of the exposition was the series of fine studies from Museum objects.



FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered on the following subjects, as under :—

<i>1907.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
Nov. 14—	Mr. G. A. DUNLOP ...	British Beetles.
Dec. 12—	Mr. C. St. C. CRAWLEY ...	British Butterflies, True and Doubtful.
<i>1908.</i>		
Jan. 9—	Mr. C. St. C. CRAWLEY ...	Some Tenants of Field, Wood, and Garden.
Jan. 30—	THE CURATOR ...	Treasures of Modern Art.
Feb. 27—	THE CURATOR ...	Birds, Curious and Beautiful.
Mar. 19—	THE CURATOR ...	Denizens of the Vasty Deep.

Each address was illustrated by coloured lantern transparencies, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The series was attended by about 500 persons.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following eighteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

<i>1907.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 11—	Mr. J. BUTLER FORTAY ...	English Music : a Seventy Years' Sketch ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> ).	1,100
Nov. 18—	Mr. HAROLD E. YOUNG ...	*A Wayfarer in Rural Japan.	1,100
Nov. 25—	Councillor FRANK J. LESLIE, F.R.G.S.	*Seven Centuries of Liverpool's History.	1,000
Dec. 2—	Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*The Cheapest Holiday in the World : Belgium.	1,200
Dec. 9—	Mr. FRED. W. SAXBY ...	*The Wonders of Light ( <i>with Experiments</i> ).	900
Dec. 16—	Mr. GEORGE ROSE ...	*Garden City Ideals.	700

<i>1908.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Jan. 6—	Dr. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S....	*The River Mersey from the Moors to the Sea.	500
Jan. 13—	Rev. ALBERT H. WALKER, B.A.	*The Canadian Highlands.	700
Jan. 20—	Mr. ARTHUR A. DALLMAN, F.C.S.	*A Border Pilgrimage.	550
Jan. 27—	Mr. SAMUEL CLARKE ...	The National Anthems of Europe ( <i>with Musical Illustrations by a Choir of 35 voices</i> ).	1,200
Feb. 3—	Dr. ALEXANDER RULE, M.Sc.	*The Evolution of Photo- graphy ( <i>with Experi- ments</i> ).	550
Feb. 10—	Mr. R. H. SCOTTER, C.E.	*Some Famous Flags of the British Army, and the Tales they Tell.	750
Feb. 17—	Rev. FREDERIC F. GRENSED, M.A.	*The Surface of the Moon.	600
Feb. 24—	Mr. GEORGE E. THOMPSON,	*Austrian Lakeland.	900
Mar. 2—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*Mary, Queen of Scots: her Life and Times.	1,000
Mar. 9—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	A Merry Night with Great Humorists ( <i>with Illus- trative Recitals</i> ).	1,150
Mar. 16—	Mr. JOHN KENNEDY ...	*The Romance of Steam Navigation.	900
Mar. 23—	Mr. ALBERT E. WORKMAN ...	Gounod's Faust: the Opera and its Story ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).	1,200

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 \* *Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned eighteen lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1907.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 16—	REV. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*A Trip to Shetland.	360
Nov. 23—	MR. SAMUEL CLARKE ...	Famous Songs of the British Isles ( <i>with Musical Illustrations by a Choir of 35 Voices</i> ).	500
Nov. 30—	MR. GEORGE E. THOMPSON ...	*Days among the Dolomites	260
Dec. 7—	MR. JOHN KENNEDY ...	*The Indian Mutiny	260
Dec. 14—	REV. FREDERIC F. GRENSTED, M.A.	*The Red Rock of Liverpool, and its Story.	250
Dec. 21—	MR. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	A Merry Night with Great Humorists ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> )	200
<i>1908.</i>			
Jan. 4—	MR. J. BUTLER FORTAY ...	Balfe and his Music ( <i>with Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations</i> )	400
Jan. 11—	MR. EVAN EDWARDS ...	*Some Impressions of the Silken East.	300
Jan. 18—	MR. HAROLD E. YOUNG ...	*A Wayfarer in Rural Japan	250
Jan. 25—	REV. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*The Land of the Sirens : Naples.	230
Feb. 1—	MR. LEWIS JONES ...	*Twenty years on Hilbre Island.	250
Feb. 8—	MR. GEORGE ROSE ...	*Garden City Ideals	220
Feb. 15—	REV. ALBERT H. WALKER, B.A.	*Dutch and Belgian Scenes	300

<i>1908.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Feb. 22—	Mr. ARTHUR A. DALLMAN, F.C.S.	*Wild Flowers and their Ways.	150
Feb. 29—	Dr. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*A Tour from Winchester to Canterbury by the Pil- grim's Way.	260
Mar. 7—	Mr. ADOLPH W. BEER ...	*Pilgrimages to Historic Shrines.	246
Mar. 14—	Mr. R. H. SCOTTER, C.E. ...	*The Great Engineering Achievements of the Ancient and Modern World.	235
Mar. 21—	Mr. ALBERT E. WORKMAN ...	The Life and Works of Guiseppe Verdi ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).	500
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*\*Lantern Illustrations.*

The above courses of lectures were phenomenally successful, the attendance thereat being far in advance of any previous season. Thanks are due, and are hereby warmly extended, to the Finance Committee, for their helpfulness in having again granted the use of the respective halls free of charge.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On the evenings of December 28th and 30th lantern exhibitions were given at the Town Hall, and at the Assembly Hall, to certain of the poorer children in attendance at the eleven elementary schools. Fully 2,400 little folk were present at the three Yule-tide fixtures, to whom the proceedings gave unalloyed pleasure. Seasonable refreshments were dispensed to ticket holders at the close of each entertainment, and the cost thereof was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council, the Education Committee, and other sympathisers. The contributions, apart from the donation by Mr. Councillor Dolan of four boxes of oranges, amounted to £7 15s. 11d., and the expenditure to £6 4s. 5d. The balance of £1 11s. 6d. was handed over to the treasurer of the School Canteen Executive Committee.

STAFF—The *personnel* of the staff has undergone no change, and each member thereof has cheerfully and efficiently performed his allotted duties.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1908.

JAMES R. BARBOUR,

*Chairman.*



## CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.			REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1907.	Added 1907-1908.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Issues 1907-1908.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Added 1907-1908.	Issues 1907-1908.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Total Issues in each Class 1907-1908.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, '07-'08.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, '06-'07.
Biography ... ..	1510	39	1549	2214	285	1	342	1835	2556	2-0	2-0
Philology and Literary History ...	258	6	264	487	1095	27	522	1386	1009	8	9
Religion ... ..	1071	6	1077	1360	374	15	262	1466	1622	1-3	1-3
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2583	22	2605	6422	2549	78	1127	5232	7549	5-9	5-8
Mental and Moral Science ...	195	3	198	371	13	1	55	212	426	3	3
Poetry ... ..	568	4	572	1039	51	...	251	623	1290	1-0	1-0
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ...	6936	139	7075	89072	13	...	2167	7088	91239	71-7	72-1
Fine Arts ... ..	324	4	328	1039	533	32	341	893	1380	1-1	1-1
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1142	15	1157	3210	1229	23	492	2409	3702	2-9	2-9
Technical Literature ... ..	775	24	799	2542	1987	45	597	2831	3139	2-4	2-5
General and Unclassed Works ...	1690	48	1728	10500	772	28	965	2528	11465	9-0	8-8
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	125	8	22	133	22	1	1
Music Scores ... ..	404	7	411	1864	...	...	26	411	1890	1-5	1-2
Total	17446	317	17763	120120	9026	258	7169	27047	127289		

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 24 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 153,854  
 " " " for Home Reading ... 398 Museum " " 43,452  
 Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 7,996.  
 For Home Reading, 120,843 Grand Total, 128,839

# MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1907.	Added 1907-8	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Issues for Home Reading 1907-8.	Issues for Reference, 1907-8.	Total Issues in each Class, 1907-8.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, 1907-8.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, 1906-7.
Biography ... ..	187	11	198	166	132	298	1.4	1.4
Philology and Literary History ... ..	5	2	7	10	5	15	.1	.1
Religion ... ..	79	9	88	110	47	157	.7	.8
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	326	24	350	507	338	845	4.2	3.8
Mental and Moral Science .. ..	13	1	14	27	6	33	.1	.3
Poetry ... ..	68	...	68	71	49	120	.6	.8
Prose Fiction ... ..	1691	123	1814	14865	3105	17970	88.9	89.0
Fine Arts ... ..	26	1	27	21	28	49	.2	.1
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	88	1	89	78	60	138	.7	.8
Technical Literature ... ..	61	2	63	141	165	306	1.5	1.4
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	55	5	61	164	155	319	1.6	1.5
Total ... ..	2599	179	2779	16160	4090	20250		

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 13      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 53

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 124,228.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 4,101

For Home Reading, 16,177

Grand Total, 20,278

## LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

## CENTRAL LIBRARY.

- MESSRS. ABEL & IMRAY (The Publishers)—  
“Patents and Designs Act, 1907.”
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—  
“Report of the Department of Public Works, 1905-6.”
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR NOVA SCOTIA—“The Apple Industry” (a pamphlet); “An Address on Nova Scotia,” by J. Howard (a pamphlet).
- AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—“Budget Statement, 1907-8”; “Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates,” Session 1907, parts 1 to 48; “The Year Book of Australia,” 1907; “Prolific Australia” (a pamphlet); “Population and Vital Statistics: Bulletins nos. 1 and 2.”
- MR. J. BARNES—“Poems on the Abolition of the Slave Trade,” by J. Montgomery, J. Grahame, and E. Benger, 1809.”
- MR. H. D. BEALE—Old Dublin Newspapers.
- BELFAST MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE—“Souvenir of the Opening of the Municipal Technical Institute, Belfast.”
- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—“Reports on Strikes and Lock-Outs, 1906”; “Report on Rules of Voluntary and Arbitration Boards and Joint Committees”; “Eleventh Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom,” 1905-1906; “Report on Wages and Hours of Labour, 1906.”
- TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—“Books and Portraits illustrating the History of Plant Classification” (a pamphlet); “Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalaenæ,” vol. 6, 1906; “Catalogue of the Madreporarian Corals,” vol. 6, 1906; “Guide to an Exhibition of Old Natural History Books” (a pamphlet); “The History of the Collections contained in the Natural History Departments of the British Museum,” vol. 2, 1906; “Guide to the Fossil Invertebrate Animals,” 1907; “Guide to the Great Game Animals,” 1907; “List of British Seed-Plants and Ferns,” 1907; “Memorials of Linnaeus,” 1907; “Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists,” vol. 4, 1907; “Guide to the Mediaeval Room,” 1907; “List of Casts of Fossils in the Department of Geology,” 1906.
- MR. J. BROMLEY, J.P., Lathom—“Catalogue of the Books, Ancient Deeds, Manuscripts, etc., in the Collection of James Bromley, J.P.”
- BROOKLYN CENTRAL MUSEUM (U.S.A.)—“The Museum News,” vol. 2, no. 7; vol. 3, nos. 1 to 5.
- MR. GEORGE BROWN—“Gore’s Directory for Liverpool,” 1859.
- MESSRS. A. & G. BULLENS, Brussels (the Editors)—“An Answer to Mark Twain” (*re* Congo Atrocities).
- BURNLEY MUSEUM COMMITTEE—“Annual Report,” 1907.
- CHANNEL TUNNEL CO., LTD.—“Reports and Leaflets *re* Channel Tunnel Scheme.”
- CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—“The Story of the Year, 1906-7”; “Proceedings, 1906-7.”
- CO-OPERATIVE UNION LIMITED, MANCHESTER—“The 39th Annual Co-Operative Congress, 1907: Report.”
- COUNCIL OF THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY—“The Position and Prospects of Chemical Research in Great Britain” (a pamphlet).
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—“Experimental Farms: Report, 1906”; “Bulletins,” nos. 56, 57, and 58.
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND—“Report of Institutions of Science and Art for 1905-6”; “Technical Instruction in Belfast,” by F. C. Forth.
- DUBLIN MUSEUM COMMITTEE—“Report of the Director, 1906-7.”

- FINANCIAL REFORM ASSOCIATION—"Free Trade, Taxation, and Expenditure," by T. Gibson Bowles (a pamphlet); "Almanack, 1908."
- FOOD AND COOKERY PUBLISHING AGENCY—"Books for Cooks, etc."; "Cookery Annual, 1908."
- MR. T. FORMBY—"Some Literary Reminiscences of Lancashire," by J. Bromley (a pamphlet), 1904.
- TRUSTEES OF RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE (the Author)—"The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture"; "The Odes of Horace, etc."; "The Psalter, etc."
- GLASGOW CORPORATION: MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES COMMITTEE—"Museums and Art Galleries: Report for 1906 and 1907."
- GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY Co.—"Devon: the Shire of the Sea Kings," 1906 (2 copies).
- MR. H. GRIFFITHS (the Author)—"The Plenum System of Ventilation"
- MR. C. R. HAND (the Compiler)—"Old Liverpool and its Charter," 1907 (6 copies).
- MR. H. HORN—"Geschiedenis van Zuid-Afrika, 1486-1835," by G. M. Theal, 1891; "Broschuren," by Bonifacius, 1887; "Nyeste Visebog," 1829; "Sämtliche Werke" (vol. 1), by F. Schiller; "Don Quixote" (vol. 2), by M. de Cervantes Saavedra; "The Pathfinder," by J. F. Cooper; "Privateersman," by Capt. Marryat; "In His Steps," by C. M. Sheldon; "The History of Pendennis," by W. M. Thackeray.
- MR. G. W. HUDSON—"Merrie England," by R. Blatchford (2 copies).
- HULL MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1907."
- INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—"Year-Book and Register of Members," 1907.
- IPSWICH MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1907."
- MR. CONCEILLOR JOHNSON—A parcel of books (various).
- LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY—"30th Annual Report, 1906."
- MR. J. A. LAW (the Author)—"New Patents Act, 1907; with notes."
- MESSRS. C. & E. LAYTON (the Publishers)—"Handy Newspaper List, 1907"; "The Insurance Register, 1907."
- LIBRARIES—*Catalogues* from the following: Blackburn, Cardiff, Chicago (U.S.A.) (John Crerar Library), Croydon, Hereford, Manchester (Moss Side), Nottingham, Nottingham (Hyson Green), Salem (U.S.A.), Wallasey, Warrington, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Wigan.
- Bulletins* from: Accrington, Chelsea, Croydon, Finsbury, Hampstead, Haslingden, Leigh, Manchester, New York (U.S.A.), Nottingham, Salem (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Wallasey.
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MR. E. J. BEBINGTON—Fretwork Model of the Tower Bridge.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION—*See body of Report.*

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE TWENTY-SECOND

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum

### COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1909

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 1909*

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# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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## TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries and Museum, for the year ended March 31st, 1909, as follows :—

**THE COMBINED LIBRARIES**—The public demands made upon the Central and Branch Libraries have resulted in the substantial total of 150,331 issues—an increase of 2,792 over the transactions noted in the report for last year.

**THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**—During the period under review, 126,062 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output in all classes of 420. 443 books were acquired, and care was taken that these additions were of an approved character as regards literary excellence and utility. Statistical details as to the stock and the use made thereof are given on page 13. 787 worn-out or condemned volumes were replaced by new copies ; and 106 books, returned from residences where the Medical Officer of Health had notified the prevalence of infectious disease, were disinfected, whilst another item was destroyed. 625 volumes were bound, 282 re-sewn or covered afresh, and minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 262 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 4,658 ; of these, 1,065 procured the second ticket for non-fictional purposes, thereby raising the total of tickets in active force to 5723. 1,552 applications were made to readers for the return of over-due books, but in only one case has a request to the guarantor been necessary to secure restoration. Ten volumes, of the total value of 21/-, were lost.

128 tickets have been granted to bona-fide students for the free use of the Students' Room, and this medium for the pursuit of quiet study has again met with the unqualified approval of those for whom it was established.

In connection with the fortnightly Book Deliveries, established at the eleven elementary schools, the following issues were recorded :—Bedford Road, 4,064; Gray Street, 1,866; Hawthorne Road, 2,716; Linacre, 1,945; Salisbury Road, 1,845; Christ Church, 1,644; St. Mary's, 654; St John's, 1,294; St. James', 656; St. James' Select, 297; and St. Winefride's, 300. In addition to the foregoing returns, 13,712 issues have been registered between deliveries—a gain of 846 over last year's total. Numerous enquiries as to the working of the system have been received from many parts of the United Kingdom, as well as from places abroad, and full information thereupon has been readily vouchsafed.

In order to minimise the inconvenience experienced by the non-publication of certain sectional catalogues, the manuscript card catalogues have been brought well up-to-date, and are available on application. The under-mentioned prints have been issued, namely :—

*Catalogue of Books for the Young, 6th edition (110 pages).*

*Bootle Readers' Review (12 numbers);*

WITH BI-MONTHLY INSETS OF ADDITIONS, AND LISTS OF HISTORICAL NOVELS  
CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED.

Books on specific topics have again been freely requisitioned for educative purposes by the Municipal Intermediate Day School, the School of Art, the Technical School, and the Pupil Teachers' Centre. These occasional loans, it may be observed, have proved serviceable alike to teachers and students. Many choice and valuable books, of a more general character, were lent for exhibition purposes to St. Matthew's Literary Society, and to a like organization associated with Christ Church. Much interest was evinced in the various monographs, and it is hoped that these recurring displays may conduce to a larger use of the valuable contents of the reference department.

5,371 issues have been made to the female employees of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, in connection with whose works the weekly Book Delivery has been efficiently maintained.

In view of the lively interest manifested by the general public in former exhibitions of holiday literature, steps were taken to organise a more comprehensive display in the entrance hall of the institution. During the summer months, open access was afforded to upwards of 300 guides, which treated of holiday resorts in the British Isles as well as of certain attractive tourist haunts on the Continent. The multifarious publications proved a never-failing source of interest, and requests have since been made for the continuance of this eminently useful feature.

At the request of the Chairman of the Borough Hospital an exchange of books was effected between that Institution and the Central Library, whereby the former received, in August, some 200 new and serviceable books, selected from the stock of duplicates, in return for a number of unused and strongly-bound volumes of the *Graphic* and the *Illustrated London News*.

A most successful session's work has been accomplished by the Bootle Photographic Society in one of the basement rooms of the building, where a syllabus of appropriate lectures and demonstrations has been submitted for the benefit of members and others interested in the art of photography.

**THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS**—Excellent attendance has ruled at these rooms, 160,420 visits having been recorded. Considerable improvement has been effected in the lighting of the Magazine Room by the introduction of Osram lamps.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY**—The statistical statement furnished at page 14 affords particulars of stock, and of the use made of the library. 24,269 issues were registered, which represented an average output of 80 per day. The readers' tickets in active use numbered 505. 78 volumes were added, and 173 underwent the process of binding. 93 well-worn books were replaced. Applications to the number of 124 were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only two instances was an appeal to the guarantor necessary to ensure delivery. 12 volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially intimated, were disinfected.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH READING ROOMS—147,880 visits were paid to these rooms—an attendance greatly in excess of previous records.

THE MUSEUM—This department, which has been marked by exceptional activity, was visited by 37,492 persons.

The most noteworthy event of the year, and one which elicited the commendation and thanks of the Council, was the gift by Mr. Thomas Davies, J.P., in April, of the Goodison collection of Egyptian antiquities. These interesting relics of a remote civilization are at present under arrangement by Professor Percy E. Newberry, of the Institute of Archæology, Liverpool University, to whom your Committee have expressed their indebtedness for his valuable services. A few facts concerning the significance of certain of the exhibits were contributed by the Curator to the local press.

Some 915 specimens, chiefly ornithological, have been cleaned and renovated, and the workmanlike treatment to which they were subjected has added considerably to their appearance. Sundry objects acquired by gift or purchase, a list of which appears on another page, have been designated and suitably displayed. Permission was accorded to Mr. H. C. Beasley, the well-known local authority on fossil footprints, to photograph one of the fine series of triassic slabs exhibited on the main staircase. The arrangement of the Hyland collection of prehistoric implements has been satisfactorily completed. Descriptive and illustrated labels, of an admirably elucidative character, have been profitably introduced into the case, which contains many fine examples of flint tools.

Loans of objects for teaching purposes have been freely granted to the following educational institutions, namely:—Municipal Intermediate Day School, School of Art, Technical School, Pupil Teachers' Centre, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linaere School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, and St. John's School. These concessions, the usefulness of which is adequately appraised by the teachers, not only add to the effectiveness of the tuition imparted, but contribute to a clearer understanding on the part of the scholars of some of the more common natural objects.

The Museum has been visited by groups of scholars from St. James' School, Salisbury Road School, Chalmers Hall Mission, Kirkdale, St. Paul's

School, Kirkdale, and Walton Lane School. The children were usually accompanied by their teachers, and every reasonable facility was afforded for the close inspection of the collections.

**THE ART ROOM**—In response to an application received from the Curator of the Nottingham Corporation Art Gallery, the picture entitled "A Cornish Solitude" was lent in September for exhibition at that institution, and has since been safely returned.

Thanks to the courteous helpfulness of the Bootle Photographic Society and of Kodak, Limited, a highly successful photographic exhibition was promoted in this apartment in September. Of the 123 studies shown, 66 were the handiwork of members of the local organization. A catalogue was compiled and printed, and copies thereof were extensively circulated. Considerable public interest was manifested in the exhibits during the four months they were on view.

The above-mentioned display was succeeded in January by an exhibition of choice photographs, published by Messrs. W. A. Mansell & Co., of London, illustrative of works by certain famous painters of the British School. This striking exhibit, which imparted an agreeable freshness to the room, was loaned for three months, and consisted of 75 reproductions enclosed within 30 frames.

A new and acceptable art loan, available for public inspection during the ensuing twelve months, was received in February from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The objects lent were in part arranged by Mr. R. F. Martin, the courteous and active head, under Mr. J. Bailey, of the Circulation Department. The collection, which was valued for purposes of insurance at £1,150, comprised the following exhibits:—Turkish and Persian Pottery (24 pieces), English Porcelain and Pottery (28 pieces), Electrotypes (6 examples), Bookbindings and Leather Work (17 examples), Oil Paintings (6 frames), Embroideries (6 frames), Cotton Prints (3 frames), Japanese Colour Prints (6 frames), Interior Decoration (4 frames), and Water-Colour Paintings of Stained Glass (2 frames). In addition to the treasures above enumerated, a collection of 85 original drawings of Old London,



comprised in 59 frames, was received on loan for a period of four months. These pictorial mementos of past days are the work of Philip Norman, F.S.A., and have been insured for £400. Attention has been called to these attractions through the helpful medium of the local press, and a prompt public response has resulted.

The second exhibition of works executed by students of the Municipal School of Art, and by others in affiliation therewith, was thrown open for inspection early in March. Of the drawings shown, the school proper sent 47 framed examples, the Pupil Teachers' Centre contributed 45 drawings, and the Intermediate Day School (Boys') forwarded 201 sketches. As evidence of the popularity of the exhibition, it is only necessary to remark that 3,724 visitors passed through the rooms during the 22 days the exhibits were on view. An outstanding feature of the exposition was the series of fine studies from museum specimens, and it is worthy of note, in this connection, that Miss E. F. Bark obtained a special award for her beautifully executed drawings of birds. It only remains to be added that the artistic excellence of the work provoked much favourable comment.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely :—

*1908.*

Oct. 30—Concerning Old Masters.

Nov. 27—Art Gallery Rambles.

Dec. 18—A Paragon of Industry : the Ant.

*1909.*

Jan. 29—A Romance of Science : Coal.

Feb. 26—An Hour with the Busy Bee.

Mar. 26—Nature in Sunshine and Storm.

Each address was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. Fully 500 persons attended the fixtures.

CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

<i>1908.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 23—	Mr. HAROLD E. YOUNG ...	*Rambles and Scrambles on the Pacific Slope, and in the Yellowstone Regions of the Far West.	1,000
Nov. 30—	Prof. PERCY E. NEWBERRY...	*Egyptian Scarabs: their History and Significance.	650
Dec. 7—	Dr. C. THURSTAN HOLLAND, M.R.C.S., F.R.P.S.	*The Snow and Ice Scenery of Switzerland.	900
Dec. 14—	Dr. CHARLES A. HILL, M.A.	*A Climber's Holiday in Norway.	750
<i>1909.</i>			
Jan. 11—	Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*Through Western Germany with thoughts on the German Menace.	850
Jan. 18—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	Another Merry Night with Great Humorists ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	600
Jan. 25—	Mr. PROSPER H. MARSDEN, F.C.S.	*Moscow: Mother of Cities.	650
Feb. 1—	Mr. WALKER R. YARDLEY, L.C.P.	*Yorkshire: its Fair Women and Brave Men.	650
Feb. 8—	Mr. R. H. SCOTTER, C.E.	*The World on Wheels: a Study of Locomotion in all Ages.	650
Feb. 15—	Mr. GEORGE E. THOMPSON ...	*The Gorges of the River Ardeche.	600
Feb. 22—	Dr. F. HEATHERLEY, F.R.C.S.	*Birds I have met.	550
Mar. 1—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*The Life and Times of Queen Elizabeth.	900

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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1908.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 26—	Mr. R. H. SCOTTER, C.E. ...	*Deeds that made the Empire.	350
Dec. 3—	Mr. SOMERS H. ELLIS, M. Inst., C.E.	*Eastern China: an English Resident's Experiences.	360
Dec. 10—	Mr. GEORGE E. THOMPSON...	*Moorish Spain.	260
Dec. 17—	Rev. CANON F. F. GRENSTED, M.A.	*The Wonders of Ice and Snow.	250
<i>1909.</i>			
Jan. 14—	Rev. ALBERT H. WALKER, B.A.	*A Tour in the Engadine and Dolomites.	270
Jan. 21—	Dr. C. THURSTAN HOLLAND, M.R.C.S., F.R.P.S.	*A Tour in Switzerland.	300
Jan. 28—	Rev. ROBERT B. DE WOLF, M.A.	*The Cliffs and Glens of Antrim, and the Giant's Causeway.	400
Feb. 4—	Mr. PROSPER H. MARSDEN, F.C.S.	*X Ray Work in a General Hospital.	460
Feb. 11—	Mr. WALKER R. YARDLEY, L.C.P.	*Nelson and His Daring Deeds.	450
Feb. 18—	Dr. CHARLES A. HILL, M.A.	*Holidays and How to Spend Them.	460
Feb. 25—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	Another Merry Night with Great Humorists ( <i>with Illustrative Recitals</i> ).	460
Mar. 4—	Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*In Devonshire, the Garden of England.	420

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Despite the severity of the winter, the attendance at the two courses of lectures was well up to the average. Thanks are due, and are hereby warmly tendered, to the Finance Committee for their considerateness in having again granted the free use of the respective halls.

ORRELL FREE LECTURES.—The undermentioned four lectures were delivered at Springwell Road Church, Orrell :—

<i>1908.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 21—	REV. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*Picturesque Belgium : the Cheapest Holiday in the World.	120
Dec. 12—	MR. HAROLD E. YOUNG ...	*A Wayfarer in Rural Japan.	70
<i>1909.</i>			
Jan. 16—	MR. R. H. SCOTTER, C.E. ...	*Some Famous Flags of the British Army, and the Tales they Tell.	85
Feb. 13—	MR. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	*A Night with Lancashire Authors ( <i>with Illustra- tive Recitals</i> ).	100

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These engagements, which were of an experimental character, were heartily appreciated by those present. The thanks of your Committee have been extended to the Pastor and Trustees for their public-spiritedness in having granted the use of the church free of charge.

CONCERT-LECTURE—In order to comply with the conditions attached by Councillor Thomas Bell, to his gift of a grand piano to the Marsh Lane Assembly Hall, a concert-lecture was organised by the library staff, at the instance of the Mayor (Councillor James Pearson, M.R.C.S., J.P.), on behalf of the local unemployed. The lecture, which bore the title “Famous Songs of the British Isles,” was given by Mr. Samuel Clarke, and he was assisted

by Miss Hettie Cavanagh, and by the choir of the Balliol Road Wesleyan Church. The event, which took place in October, proved most successful, and the funds of the Temporary Relief Society were benefited to the extent of £19 5s. 6d.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On December 29th and 30th, lantern entertainments were given at the Town Hall, and at the Assembly Hall, to the poorer children in attendance at the eleven elementary schools. Notwithstanding the intensity of the weather, nearly 2,000 little folk were present at the three fixtures, and appeared to take a keen delight in the proceedings. Seasonable refreshments were dispensed at the close of each entertainment, and the cost of these was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council, the Education Committee, and other sympathisers. The contributions, apart from the gift by Councillor Thomas George Dolan, of three cases of oranges, amounted to £11 15s. 0d., and the expenditure to £11 5s. 6d.

STAFF—Harold Tempest and Robert McElnea have each succeeded in passing a section of the professional examination of the Library Association. There has been no change in the *personnel* of the staff, each member of which has faithfully and efficiently fulfilled the various duties allotted to him.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1909.

JAMES R. BARBOUR,

*Chairman.*

# CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.		
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908	Added 1908-1909.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Issues 1908-1909.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Added 1908-1909.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Issues 1908-1909.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Total Issues in each Class 1908-1909.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, '08-'09
Biography ... ..	1549	24	1573	2179	286	3	289	369	1862	2548	2.0
Philology and Literary History ...	264	...	264	471	1122	22	1144	562	1408	1033	.8
Religion... ..	1077	8	1085	1345	389	5	394	341	1479	1686	1.3
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2605	30	2635	5953	2627	84	2711	1192	5346	7145	5.7
Mental and Moral Science ..	198	4	202	361	14	5	19	92	221	453	.4
Poetry ... ..	572	3	575	1017	51	3	54	312	629	1329	1.1
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ..	7075	84	7159	87793	13	...	13	3408	7172	91201	72.4
Fine Arts ... ..	328	4	332	977	565	18	583	309	915	1286	1.0
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1157	8	1165	2945	1252	19	1271	516	2436	3461	2.7
Technical Literature ... ..	799	12	811	2633	2032	29	2061	745	2872	3378	2.7
General and Unclassed Works ..	1728	35	1763	9333	800	37	837	1153	2600	10486	8.3
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	133	2	135	137	135	137	.1
Music Scores ... ..	411	4	415	1857	...	...	...	62	415	1919	1.5
Total	17763	216	17979	116864	9284	227	9511	9198	27490	126062	

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 30 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 160,420  
 " " " for Home Reading 390 Museum " " 37,492  
 Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 9,966  
 For Home Reading, 117,449 Grand Total, 127,415



# MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1908.	Added 1908-9	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Issues for Home Reading 1908-9.	Issues for Reference, 1908-9.	Total issues in each Class, 1908-9.	Percentage on the entire Issue for each Class, 1908-9.
Biography ... ..	198	1	199	174	263	437	1·8
Philology and Literary History ... ..	7	1	8	3	9	12	·1
Religion ... ..	88	2	90	121	102	223	·9
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ... ..	350	7	357	483	683	1166	4·8
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	14	...	14	10	28	38	·1
Poetry ... ..	68	3	71	79	118	197	·8
Prose Fiction ... ..	1814	49	1863	15720	5426	21146	87·3
Fine Arts ... ..	27	1	28	17	27	44	·2
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	89	2	91	78	111	189	·7
Technical Literature ... ..	63	11	74	203	247	450	1·8
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	61	1	62	158	209	367	1·5
Total	2779	78	2857	17046	7223	24269	

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 24      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 56

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 147,880

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 7,228

For Home Reading, 17,054

Grand Total, 24,282

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AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—"Report of the Department of Public Works, 1906-7."

AGENT-GENERAL FOR QUEENSLAND—"Annual Report of the Under Secretary for Mines for 1907," 1908; "Australian Industry," 1906.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—"Victorian Year-Book, 1906-7"; "Victoria and its Mining Resources," 1908; "Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1905-7." "The Journal of the Department of Agriculture," 1908-9 (6 copies).

MR. R. ASHTON, Blackburn—"Memoirs of the Life of Wm. Henry West Betty," 1804; "The Stranger in Liverpool," 1829; "The Stranger's Vade Mecum; or, Liverpool described," 1854.

MR. R. ATHERTON "*Robin o'Bobs*" (the Author)—"The Hymn of the Christmas Vision"; "The Oyster and the Elephant" (pamphlets).

MAJOR B. F. S. BADEN-POWELL (the Editor)—"The Science Year Book, Directory, and Scientific Summary, 1908."

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—"Annual Report of the Intelligence Division," Part 2, 1908.

H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—"Report on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour, 1907"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-Outs, 1907"; "Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom, 1906-7," 1908.

BOLTON MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."

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BRISTOL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."

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BRITISH INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICE—"Fourth Annual Report, 1908."

TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—"Reproductions of Prints," Part 2, 1908; "Guide to the Domesticated Animals," 1908; "Guide to the Elephants," 1908; "Guide to the Gallery of Fishes," 1908; "Guide to the specimens of the Horse Family," 1907; "Guide to the exhibited series of Insects," 1908.

BROOKLYN CENTRAL MUSEUM (U.S.A.)—"The Museum News," vol. 3, nos. 7 and 8; vol. 4, nos. 1 to 4.

MR. ALDERMAN CAIN, J. P.—"University of Liverpool: Calendar[s]," 1907 and 1908; "Report on the Health of the City of Liverpool, 1907," by Dr. E. W. Hope.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings, 1907-8"; "The Story of the Year, 1907-8."

COLCHESTER MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."

COMMISSIONER OF EMIGRATION FOR CANADA—"Atlas of Canada," 1908.

CO-OPERATIVE UNION LIMITED, MANCHESTER—"The 40th Annual Co-operative Congress, 1908: Report."

EARL OF CRAWFORD (The Author)—"Argo; or, the quest of the Golden Fleece," 1876; "Ballads, songs and poems, trans. from German," 4to., 1841; "Doctrine and argument in the case of Gorham v. the Bishop of Exeter," 1850; "The Earldom of Mar," 2 v. 1882; "Etruscan Inscriptions," 1872; "Eumenicity in relation to the Church of England," 1870; "On the theory of the English hexameter," 1862; "The claim of James, Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, to the original Dukedom of Montrose," Folio 1855; "Scepticism," 1861; "Sertum Horatianum," 1874; "The theory of Christianity, 1855; "Two Letters—On the Catholicity of the Church of England, and, On the futility of attempts at reconciliation with the Church of Rome, 1865-6," 1866.

- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—  
“Bulletins,” nos. 59-60, and no. 5  
(second series). “Agricultural Pro-  
gress,” by W. Saunders (a pamphlet).
- MR. W. J. FURNIVAL (the Publisher)—  
“An Answer to Dr. de Korte” (re  
Vaccination), a pamphlet.
- MR. W. GRIFFITHS—“The Origin of  
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- HASTINGS MUSEUM COMMITTEE—“Annual  
Report, 1908.”
- MR. JOHN HAZELHURST (the Author)—  
“Flashes from the Orient,” (Poetry)  
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- HIGH COMMISSIONER, COMMONWEALTH OF  
AUSTRALIA — “Commonwealth of  
Australia: Parliamentary Debates,”  
Session 1907-8, parts 49 to 83; Session  
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Book of the Commonwealth of Aus-  
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“Resources and Production,” 1908;  
“Annual Review of Australian Over-  
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- HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND—  
“New Zealand Official Year Book for  
1907”; “New Zealand Mining Hand-  
book, 1906”; “Immigrants’ Guide and  
Settlers’ Handbook, 1906”; “Annual  
Report of the New Zealand Depart-  
ment of Agriculture, 1907”; “Papers  
and Reports relating to Minerals and  
Mining, 1907”; “Statistics of the  
Colony of New Zealand, 1905-1906;”  
together with several pamphlets re-  
lating to the Colony.
- INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—  
“Year-Book and Register of Mem-  
bers, 1908”; “Periodical Report, no.  
2,” January, 1909; “Bye-Laws and  
Register of Members for 1909.”
- INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY—“Official Chemi-  
cal Appointments,” 1908.
- MR. C. JAMES, Birmingham—“Flashes  
from the Orient (Poetry),” by J.  
Hazelhurst, 1907.
- MR. J. KINLEY—“Me: an Autobiog-  
raphy,” by W. Cleland, 1903.
- LAING ART GALLERY COMMITTEE, New-  
castle—“Catalogue of Special Loan  
Exhibition of selected pictures by  
Scottish Artists.”
- LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY—“31st Annual Report and  
Proceedings, 1907.”
- MESSRS. C. & E. LAYTON (the Publishers)—  
“Handy Newspaper List, 1908;”  
“The Insurance Register, 1907.”
- LEICESTER MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY  
COMMITTEE—“Annual Report, 1905-  
1906.”
- LEIGH BROWNE ENDOWMENT—“The failure  
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- REV. G. LESTER (the Author)—“Grimsby  
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- Bulletins* from: Accrington, Croydon, Eccles,  
Finsbury, Leigh, Manchester, New  
York (U.S.A.), Salem (U.S.A.), Sun-  
derland, Wallasey.
- Reports* from: Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton,  
Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor,  
Baltimore, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt Li-  
brary), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea,  
Bebington (Mayer Trust Library),  
Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bris-  
tol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff,  
Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library),  
Chorley, Colchester, Cripplegate Founda-  
tion (London), Croydon, Derby,  
Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles,  
Finsbury, Folkestone, Glasgow (Stir-  
ling’s Library), Gloucester, Grand  
Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth,  
Hammersmith, Hanley, Haslingden,  
Holyhead, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich,  
Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames,  
Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute),  
Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los  
Angeles (U.S.A.), Loughborough,  
Lyceum (Liverpool), Maidstone, Man-  
chester, Middlesbrough, Nelson,  
Norwich, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan),  
Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Port Eliza-  
beth, (South Africa), Portsmouth,  
Preston, Rawtenstall, Runcorn, St.  
Ames, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.),  
Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Stoke  
Newington, Tottenham, Tynemouth,  
Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warring-  
ton, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West  
Bromwich, West Hartlepool, West-  
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Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York.
- LIVERPOOL ENGINEERING SOCIETY—“Tran-  
sactions,” vol. 29, 1907-8.
- LIVERPOOL GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION—  
“Proceedings, Session 1906-7,” 1908.

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- LIVERPOOL LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ARTS COMMITTEE—"Liverpool Prints and Documents: Catalogue," 1908.
- LIVERPOOL NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB—"Proceedings, 1907."
- LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY—"University of Liverpool: Calendar, 1908."
- MR. J. AMBROSE LLOYD—"Speeches of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P." (4 pamphlets); "Catalogue of an Exhibition of Bibles in the John Rylands Library, Manchester, 1907"; "Parish Councils Act, 1904: Practical Guide; and Model of Standing Orders."
- MR. J. MCCLURE "Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind," by D. Stewart, 3 vols., 1792-1827.
- MR. J. McELNEA—"These Four Score Years," by Alex. Armstrong, 1909.
- MANCHESTER MUSEUM COMMITTEE (Owen's College)—"Museum Lectures, 1908-9"; "Report, 1907-8."
- MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE—"Report of a visit to Libraries in the United States and Canada by representatives of the Manchester Libraries Committee," 1908.
- MISS MATHER—Stone's "Justices' Manual" (26th edition), 1891.
- MESSRS. MATHER & CROWTHER, LTD. (the Publishers)—"Practical Advertising, 1909."
- NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS—"Report for 1908."
- NORWICH MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."
- NOTTINGHAM MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE—"Catalogue of a Special Loan Exhibition of Pictures by British Artists, 1908."
- MR. COUNCILLOR J. PEARSON, J.P.—"The Lancet," 1852-3, and 1867-72, 16 vols.
- PERTH MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."
- PLYMOUTH MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Annual Report, 1908."
- MR. E. A. PRATT (the Author)—"Railways and Nationalisation," 1908.
- PRESTON: HARRIS FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Illustrated Catalogue of the Preston Corporation Art Gallery."
- RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY—"Experiments on Animals" (pamphlets).
- MR. E. GRANT RICHARDS (the Publisher)—"The Message," by A. J. Dawson.
- MR. R. RICHARDSON (the Author)—"Coutts & Co., Bankers," 1901; "Crammer: Primate of all England," 1906; "George Morland: Painter," 1905.
- ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY—"Scientific Proceedings," vol. xi., parts 12, 29 and 30; vol. xii., parts 1 and 2; "Economic Proceedings," vol. i., parts 10 to 15; "Scientific Transactions," vol. ix., parts 7 to 9.
- ROYAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.—"Record of Sports," 1907.
- ROYAL SCOTTISH MUSEUM, Edinburgh—"Report, 1907."
- SALVATION ARMY (per the Secretary, Women's Social Work)—"Help! The Annual Report of the Women's Social (Rescue and Slum) Work of the Salvation Army, 1908."
- MESSRS. SANDS & Co. (the Publishers)—"The Cabinet and Party Politics," by W. E. Snell, 1895.
- MISS SHARP—"Woman at Home," Oct., 1898 to Sept., 1903, 8 vols.; "Harmsworth Magazine," Feb. to July, 1900.
- MR. E. SHORTHOUSE (the Author)—"A Present to Youths and Young Men," 2 vols.
- MESSRS. SIMPKIN, MARSHALL & Co. (the Publishers)—"Papers on Health," by Professor Kirk, 1904.
- MR. W. SIMPSON, Stockport—"The Voluntaryist Creed," by A. Herbert.
- SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—"Annual Report, 1907."
- SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION—"South African Lectures for 1908: Syllabus."
- MR. J. F. SNAPE (the Author)—"Illustrated Stories of Ocean Trips and Shore Rambles," 1897.
- H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Borough Librarian.



- MR. A. J. STENSTRAND (the Author)—“A Call of Attention to the Behaists or Babists of America” (a pamphlet).
- MR. T. SUMNER—“The Times” (weekly edition) for 1908 (unbound).
- SUNDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE—“Catalogue of the permanent collection in the Art Gallery,” 1908.
- SUPERINTENDENT OF IMMIGRATION, OTTAWA—“The Law and Regulations of Canada respecting immigration and immigrants.”
- TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE—“The Great Preference Debate,” 1907; “Speaker’s Handbook,” 1908; “Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform,” vol. 6, no. 9.
- MESSRS. ALEX. THOM & Co., LTD.—“Directory of the Manufacturers and Shippers of Ireland, 1908.”
- TOLHOUSE MUSEUM COMMITTEE (Great Yarmouth)—“Catalogue of the Birds and Animals in the Tolhouse Museum,” 1908.
- UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION—“Report of the Commissioner of Education,” 1906 (vol. 2), and 1907 (2 vols.), 1908.
- UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—“28th Annual Report of the Geological Survey, 1907.”
- UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE—“London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1909.”
- MR. J. DEVARGHA (the Author)—“Hungary: a sketch of the country, its people, and its conditions,” 1908.
- MESSRS. ROWLAND WARD, LTD.—“The Sportsman’s British Bird Book,” by R. Lydekker, 1908.
- DR. C. WILLIAMS (the Author)—“Insanity: its causes and prevention,” 1908; “The Treatment of Insanity by Exorcism” (a pamphlet).
- REV. P. WILLIAMS (the Author)—“Breuddwyd Sion y Bragwr,” 1908; “Moses: o’r cawell a’r Mor Coch,” 1907.
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## LOANS AND LENDERS.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION—*See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.*

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MR. C. R. HAND—Pictures of Old Liverpool (43 frames); Pictorial Albums of Local Views (3); and Original Pencil Sketches made in the streets of Liverpool by Hugh Magenis (3 vols.).

MR. A. E. HORROCKS—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).

NATIONAL GALLERY BOARD—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

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THE TWENTY-THIRD

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum

### COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1910.

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 1910.*

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## TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1910, as follows :—

**THE COMBINED LIBRARIES**—The public demands made upon the Central and Branch Libraries have resulted in the substantial total of 149,839 issues. Compared with the transactions of the previous year the figures disclosed a falling-off in issues of 492, but this was attributed to the closing of the Central Lending Department for painting.

**THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**—During the period under review, 127,191 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output in all classes of 431. 561 books of high literary or technical excellence were acquired. Statistical details of stock, and the extent to which it was used, are given in tabular form on page 13. 809 worn-out books, which embraced several obsolete works on engineering subjects, were replaced by new and current copies. Some 90 volumes returned from residences where the sanitary authority had notified the prevalence of infectious disease were disinfected, whilst one item was destroyed. 674 volumes were bound, 136 re-sewn or covered anew, and minor repairs to numerous books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 246 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 5,277 ; of these, 1,069 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of tickets in active force was raised to 6,346. 1,715 applications

were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only one instance was it found necessary to appeal to the guarantor to obtain restitution. From various causes some 17 volumes, valued at 34/-, were lost.

Facilities for the free use of the Students' Room, the temperature of which has been materially improved, have been extended to 136 bona-fide applicants, and this provision for the pursuit of uninterrupted study has proved of undoubted service to those for whose convenience it was instituted.

The following issues were recorded in connection with the fortnightly Book Deliveries, established at the eleven elementary schools, namely:— Bedford Road, 5,062; Gray Street, 1,799; Hawthorne Road, 1,993; Linacre, 1,859; Salisbury Road, 4,143; Christ Church, 1,586; St. Mary's, 1,040; St. John's, 1,541; St. James', 1,623; St. James' Select, 113; and St. Winefride's, 508. In addition to the above, 14,580 issues were registered at the library counter between deliveries. Enquiries as to the methods employed, and the advantages of the system, have been received from various parts of the country. Full information thereupon was vouchsafed in every case, and samples of the printed forms in use were freely supplied. Complimentary observations, apropos of the utility of the scheme, were made by H.M. Inspector of Schools (Mr. J. C. Iles) in a recent Report to the Education Committee.

In consequence of the diminished yield of the Library Rate, the postponement of the printing of certain class lists has again been necessitated. Fortunately, however, the requirements of the public have been largely met by the manuscript card catalogues, the up-to-date character of which has been systematically maintained. The *Boole Readers' Review*, with bi-monthly insets of additions and chronologically arranged lists of historical novels, has been regularly issued.

Books on specific topics have again been freely requisitioned for educative purposes by the Pupil Teacher Centre, the School of Art, and the Technical School. Advantage was taken of the formation of classes in the Welsh language to exhibit, at the latter institution, a number of books in the vernacular likely to prove of service to intending students. Much interest was evinced in the collection, which comprised some 141 works typical of the best

literary productions of Wales. In response to a request from the teacher of Commercial Geography, a number of important publications relating to Australasia was also lent for purposes of class inspection. It may here be reiterated that these occasional loans not only serve to draw attention to the more instructive contents of the library shelves, but lead eventually to an increased demand for the books.

The weekly Book Delivery associated with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, has been uniformly carried on, 4,319 issues having been made to the employees of that enterprising firm.

During the summer season a striking display of holiday literature was submitted for public information in the entrance hall of the Library. Of the 348 guide books openly shown 294 related to resorts in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 54 treated of familiar haunts on the Continent. It is worthy of mention that not a few residents have made it a practice to carefully consult the guides, preparatory to settling upon a suitable locale for their annual vacation.

With the object of gaining a practical insight into the working of the Cutter System of Classification—the method in operation in the Reference Department—some 22 assistants, engaged in municipal libraries in Liverpool and the near vicinity, were recently received at the Library. The system was explained in a painstaking manner by the Sub-Librarian, and questions thereupon fully answered. The visitors, it may be observed, all belonged to the special classes for library assistants lately organised by the Liverpool Education Committee.

The Bootle Photographic Society has successfully catered for the needs of local photographers in a basement room of the building, where a programme of appropriate lectures and demonstrations has been submitted for the edification of members and others interested.

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS—Excellent attendance has prevailed throughout the year, 146,697 visits having been chronicled. The ground floor rooms have been painted; whilst the installation of a new and enlarged boiler for heating purposes has contributed to the general comfort. By the



introduction of the metallic filament lamp considerable improvement in the lighting of the News Room has been effected.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY**—The statistical table furnished at page 14 affords particulars of stock, and of the use made thereof. 22,648 issues were registered, which represented an average output of 75 per day. Readers tickets in active force numbered 526. 86 volumes were added, 189 underwent the process of binding, and 113 well-worn books were replaced by fresh copies. 160 applications were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only one case was it found necessary to urge the guarantor to ensure delivery. 4 volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially notified, were disinfected.

**THE MARSH LANE READING ROOMS**—133,644 visits were paid to these rooms, the lighting of which has been greatly improved by the adoption of the latest type of metallic filament lamp.

**THE MUSEUM**—Marked public interest has been manifested in this department, 37,830 attendances having been recorded.

In connection with the Goodison Collection of Egyptian Antiquities, a large amount of elucidatory work has been accomplished. Thanks to the continued personal interest and direction of Professor Percy E. Newberry, M.A., the labour of classifying, mounting, and labelling these striking mementoes of a remote civilization has almost been completed. The thanks of your Committee have been tendered to Mr. Thomas Davies, J.P., the donor of the collection, for his generosity in having defrayed the cost of suitably setting up certain of the exhibits, and to Professor Robert C. Bosanquet, M.A., for his courtesy in having named and described numerous objects outside the scope of the main group.

The birds located in the cases on the east side of the Bird Room have been cleaned and renovated. In all 656 specimens were handled, and the workmanlike treatment meted out to them has added greatly to their appearance. Several wall cases, which harboured many faded entomological specimens, have been subjected to a careful overhauling. Advantage was taken thereof to insert fresh labels, which reveal the scientific as well as the common nomenclature. Various gifts of a miscellaneous nature, details of which are

given on another page, have been designated and suitably displayed. A small collection of mineralogical samples, selected from the stock of duplicates, was presented to Linacre Council School; whilst sundry flint implements were loaned to Mr. L. W. Grensted, B.A., for the production of lantern slides.

Loans of objects for teaching purposes have been freely granted to the following educational institutions, namely:—Municipal Intermediate Day School, School of Art, Technical School, Pupil Teacher Centre, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, and St. Mary's School. The specimens called for were calculated to lend an added interest to the instruction imparted, and to foster a livelier regard for the more common objects of nature.

THE ART ROOM—A pleasant event connected with the activities of this apartment, was the formal opening in December by the Mayor (Councillor Hugh Carruthers, J.P.) of the 16th Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The exhibits, which numbered 104, were arranged by the staff with the hearty co-operation of certain members. The technique of the work submitted was favourably commented upon by the judges, Messrs. E. R. Dibdin and J. Appleby, and considerable public interest was manifested in the exposition during the six weeks it was open.

In January there followed the display of a series of choice reproductions illustrative of the art of Line-Engraving, by English, French, German, and Italian masters of the 18th Century. For the pleasing examples comprised in this exhibit, recourse was had to the portfolios of prints presented from time to time by the Trustees of the British Museum.

Thanks to the courtesy of the Board of Education, a new and acceptable art loan, available for public inspection during the ensuing twelve months, was received in March from the Circulation Collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The objects lent were in part arranged by Mr. A. E. J. Torrens, with the active assistance of the staff. The collection, which was valued for purposes of insurance at £1,500, comprised the following exhibits, namely:—Lace (25 specimens), Maiolica and Hispano-Moresque Ware (21 pieces), Ironwork (16 examples), English Electrotypes

(8 examples), Japanese Paintings on Silk (3 frames), Illustrations of Tiles (4 frames), Illustrations of Stained Glass (3 frames), Embroideries (8 frames), Tapestry (1 frame), Illustrations of the Coronation of King George IV (6 frames), and Oil Paintings (6 frames).

The same month witnessed the opening of the 3rd Annual Exhibition of works executed by the students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected and shown, the school proper sent 52 framed examples, the Pupil Teacher Centre contributed 50 drawings, and the Boys' Secondary School supplied 154 sketches. As evidence of the attractiveness of the exhibition, it may be observed that no less a number than 2,171 visitors passed through the room during the thirteen days the exhibits were on view. A noteworthy feature of the display was the range of fine drawings from museum specimens, and in this connection it is gratifying to record that the Government of New Zealand has since purchased the exquisite studies of birds achieved by Miss E. F. Bark.

Attention was called to these manifold attractions through the helpful medium of the local press, and a prompt public response invariably followed.

**FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES**—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely:—

*1909.*

Nov. 12—The Potter and his Story.

Dec. 17—Wild Nature in Britain.

*1910.*

Jan. 28—The Romance of Glass-Making.

Feb. 25—Extinct Monsters and Other Wonders.

Mar. 18—Some Cold-Blooded Creatures.

Each address was illustrated by lantern transparencies, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The attendance has varied from 50 to 80 persons.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

<i>1909.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 22—	Rev. T. F. NICHOLAS, M.A., F.R.G.S.	*Western States of North America.	400
Nov. 29—	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ...	*With a Camera in the Valley of the Wye.	440
Dec. 6—	Mr. HENRY CROWTHER, F.R.M.S.	*How the Earth tells the Story of How it was Made.	320
Dec. 13—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*The Scottish Borders : their People, Romance, and Legend.	450
<i>1910.</i>			
Jan. 10—	Mr. H. GREGORIUS BROWN, <i>Officier D'Academie</i> , F.R.Hist.S.	*Wanderings in Hungary and Bosnia.	300
Jan. 17—	Mr. J. HOWARD REED, F.R.G.S., ( <i>A Delegate from the Imperial South African Association.</i> )	*The Commonwealth of Australia.	340
Jan. 24—	Mr. CHARLES TUPLING ...	*The Youth of Milton.	260
Jan. 31—	Mr. JAMES JOHNSON, F.R.Hist.S.	*Mexico: the Land of Romance and Beauty.	440
Feb. 7—	Mr. HAROLD E. YOUNG ...	*John Chinaman; being an account of a short walk in Southern China.	480
Feb. 14—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*With a Caravan in the Highlands.	450
Feb. 21—	Rev. FRANK W. ANDERSON, M.A.	*Constantinople: Past and Present.	480
Feb. 28—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	Mirth and Laughter from Great Humorists ( <i>with illustrative recitals</i> ).	450
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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES.—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

1909.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 25—	Rev. T. F. NICHOLAS, M.A., F.R.G.S.	*The Glories of Northern Italy.	270
Dec. 2—	Mr. GEORGE E. THOMPSON, F.R.P.S.	*Through Erin's Isle.	200
Dec. 9—	Dr. LLEWELLYN MORGAN ...	*The English Lakes in Summer and Winter.	270
Dec. 16—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	Mirth and Laughter from Great Humorists ( <i>with illustrative recitals</i> ).	280
1910.			
Jan. 13—	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ...	*On the Main Roads of North Wales and Shropshire.	350
Jan. 20—	Mr. HAROLD BRODRICK, M.A., F.G.S.	*British Caves and Cave Exploration.	270
Jan. 27—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*The Pictorial Interpretation of Music.	280
Feb. 3—	Mr. RICHARD F. SOPER ...	*Ludlow Town and neighbourhood.	240
Feb. 10—	Mr. CHARLES TUPLING ...	*Queer and Quaint old Chester.	330
Feb. 17—	Dr. W. MURRAY CAIRNS ...	*Some Characteristics of the Chinese and Japanese.	450
Feb. 24—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*Oliver Cromwell: his Life and Times.	430
Mar. 3—	Mr. DANIEL J. NEILL ...	*The Lady of the Lake Country.	400

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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*



It is to be regretted that the institution of a small charge for specified seats, and the intervention of the General Election have militated against the attendance. Thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Finance Committee for their graciousness in having again granted the use of the respective halls free of charge.

ORRELL FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned four lectures were delivered at Springwell Road Presbyterian Church, Orrell :—

<i>1909.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 19—Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER	...	*Afoot with a Camera in the English Lake District.	110
Dec. 10—Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE	...	*A visit to Briny Wonderland	120
<i>1910.</i>			
Jan. 14—Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT	...	A Merry Night with Great Humorists ( <i>with illustrative recitals</i> ).	110
Feb. 11—Dr. W. MURRAY CAIRNS	...	*Experiences of Residence in Japan.	140
			<hr/> 480 <hr/>

\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

The thanks of your Committee have been extended to the Pastor and Trustees for the ready manner in which the free use of the Church was conceded.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On December 29th and 30th, lantern entertainments were given at the Town Hall, and at the Assembly Hall, to the poorer children in attendance at the eleven elementary schools. Fully 2,300 little folk participated in the three engagements, and appeared to relish the proceedings. Refreshments were dispensed to ticket-holders at the close of each entertainment, and the cost of the same was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council, the Education Committee, and other sympathisers. The donations, apart from Mr. Councillor Dolan's welcome gift of fruit, amounted to £14 17s. 9d., and the expenditure to £12 15s. 6d. The balance has been reserved for future contingencies.



STAFF—Harold Tempest, second senior assistant, resigned in June to take up the duties of Sub-Librarian at the Athenaeum, Liverpool, and his place was supplied by the promotion of Robert McElnea, third senior assistant, which position has since remained vacant. It only remains to be added that each member of the staff has discharged his allotted tasks in a praiseworthy manner.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1910.

JAMES R. BARBOUR,

*Chairman.*

# CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909	Added 1909-1910.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Issues 1909-1910.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Added 1909-1910.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Issues 1909-1910.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Total Issues in each Class 1909-1910.
Biography ... ..	1573	21	1594	2573	289	3	292	304	1886	2877
Philology and Literary History ...	264	8	272	524	1144	29	1173	505	1445	1029
Religion... ..	1085	8	1093	1267	394	3	397	375	1490	1642
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2635	35	2670	6103	2711	66	2777	1383	5447	7486
Mental and Moral Science	202	...	202	367	19	...	19	72	221	439
Poetry ... ..	575	4	579	934	54	...	54	408	633	1342
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ...	7159	145	7304	89359	13	...	13	3012	7317	92371*
Fine Arts ... ..	332	3	335	780	583	16	599	337	934	1117
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1165	13	1178	2946	1271	21	1292	484	2470	3430
Technical Literature ... ..	811	10	821	2477	2061	38	2099	782	2920	3259
General and Unclassed Works...	1763	40	1803	9369	837	78	915	974	2718	10343
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	135	20	155	51	155	51
Music Scores ... ..	415	...	415	1751	...	...	...	54	415	1805
Totals . . . . .	17979	287	18266	118150	9511	274	9785	8741	28051	127191

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 30 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 146,697

" " " Home Reading 401 Museum " " " 37,830

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 9603

For Home Reading, 118,926 Grand Total, 128,529

\* 35,817 juvenile issues are included in this total.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1909.	Added 1909-10	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Issues for Home Reading 1909-10.	Issues for Reference, 1909-10.	Total Issues in each Class, 1909-10.
Biography ... ..	199	1	200	228	303	531
Philology and Literary History ... ..	8	...	8	12	20	32
Religion ... ..	90	3	93	105	65	170
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	357	3	360	511	624	1135
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	14	...	14	14	10	24
Poetry ... ..	71	...	71	107	111	218
Prose Fiction ... ..	1863	72	1935	15194	4426	19620
Fine Arts ... ..	28	...	28	17	28	45
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	91	...	91	67	97	164
Technical Literature ... ..	74	7	81	198	198	396
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	62	...	62	142	171	313
Totals ... ..	2857	86	2943	16595	6053	22648

*N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 20      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 55

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 133,644

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 6,058  
For Home Reading, 16,599  
Grand Total, 22,657

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- AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—"The Journal of the Department of Agriculture," 1909-10 (6 copies as issued).
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- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—"Report on Trade Unions in 1905-7"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-outs, 1908"; "Report on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour, 1908"; "Standard Time Rates of Wages, 1909"; "Labour Statistics, 1907-1908."
- BOOTLE ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE—"Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association: Proceedings, 1909."
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- Dr. ANDREW CARNEGIE (per the International Arbitration League)—"Sir Randal Cremer," by H. Evans, 1909.
- Mr. H. N. CASSON (The Author)—"Cyrus Hall McCormick: his life and work," 1909.
- Mr. E. J. CHINNOCK (The Author)—"A few notes on Julian," 1901.
- CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings, 1908-9"; "The Story of the Year, 1908-9."
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- SIR EDWIN DURNING-LAWRENCE, BART.—"Collotype Facsimile and Type Transcript of an Elizabethan Manuscript preserved at Alnwick Castle, Northumberland." Edited F. J. Burgoyne. 4to. 1904.
- Mr. J. M. EVANS—"Which is the Remedy, Socialism or the Reign of Christ?" (a pamphlet), 1909.
- GLASGOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE—"Descriptive Handbook of the Corporation Public Libraries," 1907.
- GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, CANADA—Map of Railway Systems, 1908.
- Mr. W. HALL (The Author)—"Via Crucis," (Poetry), 1906.

Mr. C. R. HAND (The Author)—“Liverpool Castle and its Builders,” 1909 (5 copies).

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- LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY—"University of Liverpool: Calendar for 1910."
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- Rev. F. MINTON, M.A. (The Author)—"The evil of the millionaire," 1908.
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- MUSEUMS—*Reports* from the following: Bristol, Colchester, Glasgow, Leicester, Norwich, Perthshire.
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- EXECUTORS OF THE LATE JAMES NEALE, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.—"The Abbey Church of St Alban, Hertfordshire," by J. Neale, 1877.
- NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY CO.—"The Enchanting North," by J. S. Fletcher, 1908.
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- PEACE SOCIETY—"The Path to Peace upon the Seas" (one copy), and "Armaments and their Results" (10 copies), by A. Carnegie (pamphlets), 1909.
- MESSRS. I. PITMAN & SONS (The Publishers) Pitman's "Where to Look, an easy Guide to Books of Reference," 1909.
- Miss REID—"Boys' Own Paper," 1891-98, 8 vols.; "Girls' Own Paper," 1892-95, 4 vols.; Hume & Smollett's "History of England," 4 vols. (all unbound); Bartlett's "Jerusalem Re-visited"; Price's "Norway."
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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1911.

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1911.*

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## TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1911, as follows :—

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES—148,692 issues have resulted from the public demands made upon the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the transactions of the previous year the figures disclosed a falling off in issues of 1,147, but this slight decrease was attributed to diminished leisure consequent upon improved conditions of employment.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY—During the period under consideration 127,002 issues were registered, which gave an average daily output in all classes of 420. 641 books, representative of recent literary achievement, have been acquired. Statistical details of stock, and of the use to which it was put, are given in tabular form on page 13. 1,097 worn-out books, which embraced several obsolete works of a technical character, were replaced by new and current copies. Some 68 volumes, returned from residences where the sanitary authority had notified the prevalence of infectious disease, were disinfected. 853 volumes were bound, 68 re-sewn or covered anew, and minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 189 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 5,667; of these, 1,062 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of tickets in active force was raised to 6,729. 1,802 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only two instances was it found requisite to approach the guarantor to obtain restitution. From various causes some 11 volumes, valued at 22s., were lost, but as a set-off against this, 3 books, previously reported as missing, have been recovered.

Facilities have been granted to 141 bona-fide students for the free use of the Students' Room, and this provision for the pursuit of quiet study has again proved of undoubted service.

In connection with the fortnightly book deliveries, established at the 12 elementary schools, the following issues were recorded:—Bedford Road, 6,573; Gray Street, 2,266; Hawthorne Road, 2,119; Linacre, 3,115; Salisbury Road, 4,295; Christ Church, 1,541; St. Mary's, 1,048; St. John's, 1,137; St. James', 1,545; St. James' Select, 161; and St. Winefride's, 303. In addition to the above returns, 15,365 issues were registered at the library counter between deliveries. In response to a request from the Headmaster, the newly-opened Orrell Council School was affiliated to the Library for the purposes abovenamed, and the initial delivery of 287 books made in March. Enquiries as to the methods employed, and the advantages of the system, have been received from educational authorities in various parts of the country. Full information thereupon was vouchsafed in every case, and samples of the printed forms supplied. Complimentary observations, apropos of the utility of the scheme, were made at the North of England Education Conference, recently held at Liverpool.

In consequence of the diminished yield of the Library Rate, it was again deemed advisable to postpone the publication of certain desirable class-lists until a more opportune time. Happily, however, the requirements of the public have been amply met by the manuscript card catalogues, which have been kept thoroughly up-to-date. Owing to insufficient support the *Bookle Readers' Review* ceased publication in September, but its place was supplied by the revival of a former print, *Mainly About Books*, one issue of which has been printed and gratuitously circulated.

Books on specific topics have again been requisitioned for educative purposes by the Girls' Secondary School, the School of Art, and the Technical School. At the request of the teacher of commercial geography, a collection of important works, bearing upon the continent of Asia, was freely lent for class inspection. As has previously been urged, these occasional loans serve an eminently practical purpose, inasmuch as they focus attention upon the more instructive contents of the library, and lead eventually to a substantial individual demand for the books.

The weekly book delivery connected with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, has been regularly maintained, 5,395 issues having been made to the employees of that progressive firm.

For the fifth successive year a striking display of holiday literature was submitted for inspection in the entrance hall of the Library. Of the 291 guide books openly displayed 251 related to beauty spots in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 40 treated of well-known Continental resorts. The exhibition, which is now regarded as an established feature by the general public, was the means of disseminating a lot of useful and timely information. At the close of the summer season, the various publications were, by request, transferred to Linacre Council School for teaching purposes.

A useful session's work has been accomplished by the Bootle Photographic Society in a basement room of the building, where an attractive programme of lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the information of votaries of the art.

**THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS**—These rooms have been largely patronised, 138,159 visits having been noted. Further improvement has been effected in the heating arrangements, and this has conduced to the general comfort. Additional reading stand accommodation has been provided in the News Room, whilst the Periodical Rack has been entirely reconstructed and furnished with neatly lettered cases. The series lamps, formerly in use in the Magazine Room, have given place to single metallic filament lamps, whereby the lighting has been more evenly distributed. It is almost unnecessary to add that these minor modifications have contributed to the orderly appearance of the rooms, as well as to the convenience of habitués.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY**—The statistical table occurring on page 14 affords particulars of stock, and of the use made of it. 21,690 issues were registered, which showed an average output of 71 per day. The readers' tickets in active force numbered 499. 113 volumes have been added, 2 bound, and 106 well-worn books replaced by fresh copies. 142 applications were made to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, whilst 4 volumes, returned from houses where the existence of infectious disease had been officially notified, were disinfected.

**THE MARSH LANE READING ROOMS**—The popularity of these rooms was evidenced by the number of visits paid, namely, 122,494.



THE MUSEUM—Public interest in this department has been fully maintained, no less than 37,816 attendances having been recorded. During the year several cases have been opened up, and their contents cleaned and rearranged. Under the skilled direction of Professor Percy E. Newberry, M.A., the labelling of the collection of Egyptian Antiquities has been completed, whilst many labels have been furnished descriptive of other exhibits. The interest attaching to a number of archæological fragments has been accentuated by the provision of photographs and drawings of complete pieces, thereby visualising for the spectator the original forms of the objects. For these elucidatory features your Committee are indebted to the painstaking industry of Miss M. E. Williams.

Some 20 wall cases, which embrace the Harrison Collection of British Moths and Butterflies, have been carefully overhauled, and the faded insects renewed. This collection has been further enhanced by the addition of a number of cases filled with fresh specimens, the labels of which bear the scientific as well as the common nomenclature. Several natural history exhibits have been renovated by the taxidermist, and now present an attractive appearance. Various gifts of a miscellaneous kind, details of which appear on another page, have been designated and suitably displayed. A small collection of duplicates, consisting mainly of samples of rocks and minerals, has been presented to Orrell Council School for addition to the teaching cabinet. The thanks of your Committee have been extended to Mr. W. M. Tattersall, M.Sc., Keeper of the University Museum, Manchester, for the gift of several species of shells, whereby certain blanks in the local collection were filled.

Loans for teaching purposes have been freely granted to the following educational institutions, namely:—Boys' Secondary School, Pupil Teacher Centre, School of Art, Technical School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, St. Mary's School, and St. Winefride's School. The specimens requisitioned were such as would lend an added interest to the instruction imparted, and conduce to a better understanding of the life and habits of some of the humbler creatures of nature.

A collection of beautiful examples of Natural Leaf and Flower Decoration, executed by Mr. A. R. Porter, J.P., of Waterloo, and kindly lent by him at the express wish of the Mayor (Councillor James R. Barbour, J.P.) for public

exhibition, was received at the Museum early in January. The exhibits, which comprised 10 folding screens, 26 framed pictures, 2 tables, and a banneret, were arranged in the Alcove and in the Middle Room. In order to stimulate interest in these unique productions, communications were addressed to the heads of local educational institutions, and it is encouraging to note that groups of scholars, accompanied by their teachers, attended from most of the schools notified. Much enthusiasm was also evinced by the general public, and this led to an augmented attendance.

**THE ART ROOM**—This apartment has been cleaned and painted throughout, and at no period of its existence has the room presented a brighter appearance. Special attention has been directed to the collection of prints of Old Liverpool, etc., the faded typewritten labels having been replaced by neatly printed descriptions, and, where necessary, the mounts and frames refurbished.

The striking pictures received on loan from Glasgow and Dundee have proved a fruitful source of attraction, and the thanks of your Committee have been tendered to the art authorities of those municipalities for their ready helpfulness. The paintings lent were appraised for purposes of insurance at £2,150.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. James Webster, J.P., the permanent collection has been enriched by the addition of a particularly fine picture, entitled "The Breeze on the Cliff." The painting is from the brush of Mr. Arthur Hopkins, R.W.S.

Early in December, in the presence of a large gathering, the Mayor formally opened the 17th Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. In all the exhibits numbered 88, and these were hung by the staff with the assistance of certain members. The work submitted was of a high order of technical excellence, and was adequately appraised by the expert judges, namely, Messrs. A. A. Bellingham and G. A. Booth. Considerable interest was manifested in the exhibition during the two months it remained open.

A new and acceptable art loan was received in February from the Circulation Collections Department of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The objects were in part arranged by Mr. A. E. J. Torrens, with the active co-operation of the staff. The collection, which was insured

against all risks for £1,800, comprised the following exhibits, namely:—Electrotypes of Repoussé Work, etc. (25 objects), Persian Pottery and Tiles (21 objects), Chinese and Japanese Lacquer, etc. (25 objects), Wood-carvings and Gesso Work (20 objects), Copies of Designs by Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A. (3 frames), Painted Photographs of Porcelain (3 frames), Designs for Iron-work (2 frames), Water-colour Paintings (6 frames), Holbein's Portraits (8 frames), and Oil Paintings (6 frames). Your Committee hereby acknowledge their indebtedness to the Board of Education for the valuable assistance rendered by the Board in the promotion of the study of applied art.

The succeeding month witnessed the opening of the 4th Annual Exhibition of works executed by students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected and shown, the School proper sent 54 framed and 41 unframed examples, together with 2 modelled casts. The Teachers' Saturday Morning Class contributed 41 drawings, and the Trades Preparatory School furnished 20. The Boys' Secondary School supplied 214, and the newly-established Girls' Secondary School 104. The Exhibition proved immensely popular, no less than 3,110 visitors having passed through the room during the 14 days the exhibits were on view. It is pleasing to mention that the high artistic merit of the drawings provoked much favourable comment, and this should not be without its influence on the School and its work.

Public attention was called to these varied attractions by means of paragraphs in the local press, and by posters affixed to the notice boards.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely:—

1910.

Oct. 28—Representative Paintings of the Victorian Era.

Nov. 25—Corals and Coral Builders.

1911.

Jan. 27—Fearsome Occupants of the Ocean Depths.

Feb. 3—How the King's Coinage is made.

Feb. 24—Some Notable Modern Pictures.

Mar. 17—Peeps into Bird Life.

Each address was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The attendance has varied from 60 to 120 persons.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The following thirteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

<i>1910.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
April 8—	Mr. CHARLES TUPLING ...	*Episodes and Objects of the Chester Pageant.	360
Nov. 21—	Mr. ALBERT E. WORKMAN ...	Opera: Its Origin and Development ( <i>with musical illustrations</i> ).	800
Nov. 28—	Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*Glimpses of Old-World Normandy.	550
Dec. 5—	Mr. JAMES BERNARD ...	An Evening with " Ian Maclaren " ( <i>recital</i> ).	280
Dec. 12—	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ...	*On the Main Roads of North Wales and Shropshire.	430
<i>1911.</i>			
Jan. 16—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*A Ramble through Grey Galloway.	420
Jan. 23—	Mr. JOHN KENNEDY, F.R.G.S.	*Finland: the Country and the People.	430
Jan. 30—	Mr. JAMES MOIR, B.Sc. ...	*Colour and Colour Photography.	280
Feb. 6—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*Down the Thames in a Camping Boat.	460
Feb. 13—	Rev. THOMAS J. WALSHE, B.A., F.R.A.S.,	*Florence and its Memo-ries.	400
Feb. 20—	Mr. H. GRÉGORIUS BROWN, <i>Officier D'Académie</i> , F.R.Hist.S.	*On Tramp in Austria.	350

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Carried forward 4,760

Brought forward 4,760

Feb. 27—Mr. JOHN W. DAVIES	...	*The Castles of Wales.	350
Mar. 6—Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE	...	*Stars and Comets; with special reference to Halley's Comet.	300
			<hr/> 5,410 <hr/>

\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1910.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 24—Mr. HAROLD E. YOUNG	...	*John Chinaman; being an account of a short walk in Southern China.	220
Dec. 1—Mr. CHARLES H. HUNT	...	*(a) A Sermon in Stone: Canterbury Cathedral.	360
		*(b) Through the Alham- bra of Granada with Washington Irving.	
Dec. 8—Mr. EDWARD N. ELLIS	...	*A visit to some of the Cathedrals and Chat- eaux of France.	300
Dec. 15—Rev. THOMAS J. WALSH, B.A., F.R.A.S.		*A Visit to the Holy Land.	360
<i>1911.</i>			
Jan. 12—Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT	...	*Florence, the Mediæval Athens.	230
Jan. 19—Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT	...	Humorous Recital, intro- ducing some Lanca- shire Sketches.	370
Jan. 26—Dr. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S....		*Some By - Paths of Wirral History.	300
			<hr/> Carried forward 2,140 <hr/>



		Brought forward	2,140
Feb. 2—Rev. CHARLES HARRIS, M.A....	*The Moon: her past history and present state.		200
Feb. 9—Mr. DANIEL J. NEILL ...	*Summer Rambles in Perthshire.		330
Feb. 16—Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE ...	*Electric and Light- Producing Fishes.		260
Feb. 23—Major R. SINCLAIR ARCHER, V.D.	*From the Mersey to the Bristol Channel.		240
Mar. 2—Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*Prince Charlie and the '45.		350
			<hr/> 3,520 <hr/>

\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

It should here be stated that inclement weather and election meetings have militated occasionally against the attendance. Thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Finance Committee for their considerateness in having again conceded the free use of the respective halls.

ORRELL FREE LECTURES—The undermentioned five lectures were delivered at Springwell Road Presbyterian Church, Orrell:—

1910.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 18—Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...		*With a Caravan in the Scottish Highlands.	170
Dec. 9—Captain JOHN C. DRUMMOND		*Round the World in an hour-and-a-half.	120
1911.			
Jan. 13—Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...		Humorous Recital, intro- ducing some Lanca- shire Sketches.	120
Feb. 10—Rev. ROBERT B. DE WOLF, M.A.		*Through Canada to the Rocky Mountains: 12,000 miles by Land and Sea.	150
Mar. 10—Mr. W. R. CLAYTON ...	...	*A Tour through India.	170
			<hr/> 730 <hr/>

\* *Lantern Illustrations.*



Thanks have been accorded to the Pastor and Trustees for their kindness in having again permitted the use of the Church.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On December 28th and 29th, Lantern Entertainments were given at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall to the poorer children in attendance at the elementary schools. Fully 2,200 little folk were present at the three entertainments, and appeared to greatly appreciate the proceedings. Seasonable refreshments were dispensed to ticket-holders after each performance, and the cost of these was generously defrayed by members of the Town Council, the Education Committee, and other sympathisers. The contributions amounted to £14 10s. 0d., and the expenditure to £13 1s. 9d. The balance has been set aside for future use.

STAFF—Richard Haxby, First Junior Assistant, resigned in April in order to take up a Senior Assistantship in the Leeds Central Library. This post and another vacated in the previous year were filled by the promotion of Frank Meakin and Ben. Robinson, and their places were supplied by the appointment of Henry O. Eves and William Wilson. It only remains to be added that each member of the staff has carried out his duties in a painstaking, efficient, and loyal manner.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1911.

HUGH CARRUTHERS,  
*Chairman.*

## CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.			REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.			THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.					
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Added 1910-1911.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.	Issues 1910-1911.			Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.	Total Issues in each Class 1910-1911.				
				Adult.	Juvenile.	Total.						
Biography ... ..	1594	22	1616	1652	643	2295	292	2	294	304	1910	2599
Philology and Literary History	272	4	276	406	33	439	1173	32	1205	530	1481	969
Religion... ..	1093	11	1104	1339	68	1407	397	8	405	299	1509	1706
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2670	30	2700	4025	1981	6006	2777	81	2858	1028	5558	7034
Mental and Moral Science ...	202	1	203	341	6	347	19	..	19	110	222	457
Poetry ... ..	579	3	582	853	169	1022	54	1	55	268	637	1290
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library ...	7304	179	7483	52697	38138	90835	13	...	13	2764	7496	93599
Fine Arts ... ..	335	3	338	606	140	746	599	21	620	291	958	1037
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1178	9	1187	1806	1101	2907	1292	22	1314	473	2501	3380
Technical Literature ... ..	821	26	847	2120	479	2599	2099	111	2210	758	3057	3357
General and Unclassed Works...	1803	43	1846	8402	602	9004	915	13	928	990	2774	9994
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	15	170	107	170	107
Music Scores ... ..	415	4	419	1443	7	1450	...	...	...	23	419	1473
Totals	18266	335	18601	75690	43367	119057	9785	306	10091	7945	28692	127002

N.B. — No account is taken in this table of the large use made of *Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 26 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ... 138,159

" " " Home Reading 394 " " " Museum " " " 37,816

Total Number of Volumes as distinct from issues delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 8,660

For Home Reading, 119,428

Grand Total, 128,088

# MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1910.	Added 1910-11	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.	Issues for Home Reading 1910-11.	Issues for Reference, 1910-11.	Total Issues in each Class, 1910-11.
Biography ... ..	200	3	203	222	232	454
Philology and Literary History ... ..	8	...	8	6	14	20
Religion ... ..	93	...	93	83	65	148
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	360	1	361	538	516	1054
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	14	...	14	7	17	24
Poetry ... ..	71	...	71	91	84	175
Prose Fiction ... ..	1935	103	2038	15862	3059	18921
Fine Arts ... ..	28	...	28	17	32	49
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	91	...	91	97	80	177
Technical Literature ... ..	81	6	87	211	200	411
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	62	...	62	114	143	257
Totals	2943	113	3056	17248	4442	21690

*N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference ... 15    Average Day's Issue for Home Reading ... 56

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 122,494

Total Number of Volumes as distinct from issues delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 4,443  
For Home Reading, 17,252                      Grand Total, 21,695

# LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

## TO THE

# CENTRAL LIBRARY.

- AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—"The Journal of the Department of Agriculture," 1910-11, as issued (6 copies).
- Messrs. ANDERSON, ANDERSON & Co.—"Orient Line Guide." Edited by W. J. Loftie.
- Mr. H. BARNFATHER—A Portfolio of Art (incomplete).
- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE (Labour Department)—"Report on changes in Wages and Hours of Labour, 1909"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-outs, 1909"; "Report on Collective Agreements between Employers and Workpeople, 1910"; "Fourth Abstract of Labour Statistics, 1911."
- Mr. H. BOLTON (The Author)—"New Species of Fossil Cockroach" (a pamphlet).
- BOOTLE ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE—"Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association: Proceedings, 1910."
- Mr. BRAMWELL BOOTH—"The Romance of the Salvation Army," by H. Friederichs, 1910.
- Mr. R. J. BROADBENT (The Author)—"Elizabeth Farren, Countess of Derby," 1910 (a pamphlet).
- BROOKLYN CENTRAL MUSEUM (U.S.A.)—"The Museum News," vol. 5, nos. 6 to 8; vol. 6, nos. 1 to 4.
- BURNLEY CORPORATION—"Townley Hall Art Gallery: Report 1909-10."
- Dr. ANDREW CARNEGIE — "William Chambers" (an address).
- Messrs. CARSON & COMERFORD, LTD. (The Publishers)—"The Stage Year Book, 1910."
- CHURCH EMIGRATION SOCIETY—"Annual Report, 1909"; "Quarterly Notes," No. 35.
- CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings, 1909-1910"; "The Story of the Year, 1909-1910."
- Co-OPERATIVE UNION, LTD., MANCHESTER—"The 42nd Annual Co-Operative Congress, 1910: Report"; "Inaugural Address," by W. H. Watkins.
- Mr. C. C. COTTERILL (The Author)—"The Victory of Love," 1910.
- Mr. E. COWLEY—"Strand Magazine," 1893, 2 vols; "Art Journal," 1887 (unbound); "Art Annual for 1887."
- "DAILY NEWS" (The Publishers)—"The 'Daily News' Year Book, 1910."
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—"Bulletins," No. 62 and 65; "Experimental Farms: Reports, 1909-10."
- SIR EDWARD DURNING-LAWRENCE, BART. (The Author)—"Bacon is Shakespeare," 1910 (4 copies).
- Mr. J. ELLIOTT, J.P.—"Roman Cheshire," by W. T. Watkin, 1886.
- Mr. A. C. FRYER (The Author)—"Aidan: the Apostle of England," 1902.
- Messrs. J. GOOD & Sons, HULL (per Mr. J. Kennedy)—"Through Finland to St. Petersburg," by A. M. Scott, 1909.
- Miss M. HALLOCK-GREENEWALT (The Author)—"Time Eternal" (a pamphlet).
- Mr. C. R. HAND (The Author)—"Liverpool Castle and its Builders," 1909; "Notes respecting the Annals of Liverpool and the Building of the Castle," 1910.
- HASTINGS CORPORATION MUSEUM—"Notes on Sussex Pottery"; "The Hastings and East Sussex Naturalist," vol. 1, parts 4 and 5; "Disease and History," by W. H. S. Jones, 1909; "A List of Books relating to British Birds, before 1815," 1908.
- Mr. J. HAZELHURST (The Author)—"Flashes from the Orient" (Poetry), 1910.
- Rev. W. J. HEATON (The Author)—"The Bible of the Reformation," 1910.
- HIGH COMMISSIONER, COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—"Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates," Index to Session 1909; Session 1910, parts 1 to 44; "Population and Vital Statistics, 1909"; "Summary of Australian Financial Statistics, 1901-1909"; "Official Year-Book, 1901-1909"; "Social Statistics, 1908."



HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND—  
"New Zealand Official Year-Book for 1909"; "New Zealand in a Nut-shell"; "The New Zealand Handbook," No. 8, 1910.

MESSRS. HODGES, FIGGIS & Co. (The Publishers) — "Dublin University Calendar, 1910-11," 2 vols.

MR. E. HOWARTH, F.Z.S., F.R.MET.S. (The Author)—"Sheffield Museums and Art Gallery"; "Report of the Public Museums, 1908-1910"; "Meteorology," 1910.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—  
"Local Examinations: Syllabus and Regulations for 1911"; "Monthly Report," as issued.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MASTER COTTON SPINNERS' AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATIONS—"Official Report of the Proceedings in London, Nov. 21st, 1910."

JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY COMMITTEE, CHICAGO, U.S.A.—"The John Crerar Library Handbook," 1910.

MISS E. JOHNSON (The Author)—"Devotional Aspirations, 1906"; "Fact and Fable," 1901.

MR. S. A. KELLY (The Author)—"Town Planning" (a pamphlet).

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY—"33rd Annual Report, 1909."

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE UNION OF INSTITUTES—"71st Report, 1910."

MESSRS. C. & E. LAYTON (The Publishers)—  
"Handy Newspaper List, 1910";  
"The Insurance Register, 1910."

LIBRARIES—*Catalogues* from Blackburn, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Liverpool (Athenaeum), Manchester (John Rylands Library), Sunderland, Warrington.

*Bulletins* from Accrington, Cardiff, Croydon, Finsbury, Leigh, Manchester, New York (U.S.A.), Salem (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Wallasey.

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## PUBLIC MUSEUM.

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TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—160 Skins of Foreign Birds.

Mr. W. BURNETT—Beetles found in Timber from Mexico (2 specimens).

Miss CRAWLEY—A number of Drawings of Natural History Specimens executed by the late Mr. C. St. Clare Crawley.

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Mr. J. HOGAN—A Lump Sucker.

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Mrs. JARRETT—Sample of Connemara Marble.

Mr. J. W. LAMBLE—35 Coins (various).

Mr. T. MORGAN, Worthing—Replica of a Bone Dagger, made by a Caveman, found in the Caves at Dordogne.

Mr. J. ROBERTS—Native Paddles from Sierra Leone (2).

Mr. J. O. ROBERTS—Wood-boring Insects (2 specimens).

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Mr. B. ROGERS—A Scarlet Tanager from Santa Marta.

Mr. COUNCILLOR SCHOLEFIELD—"Chaffinch's Nest and Eggs (2); Yellow Wagtail's Egg; Partridge's Egg; Sandpiper's Egg; House Sparrow's Egg.

Mr. W. SHIELD—A Moroccan Newspaper.

Mr. J. SPENCE—Inca Relics (3); Coins (2 silver, 1 copper).

Mr. R. R. WILLIAMSON—Death's Head Hawk Moth.

## LOANS AND LENDERS.

Mr. J. ARMSTRONG—Antique Table of Irish workmanship.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.

Mr. C. COCKERHAM—Photogravure of Wylie's picture of the *S.S. Teutonic*; Enlargement in Oils of the Ship *Merchantman*; Photograph of Propeller Blades taken off *S.S. Yeoman*; Photograph of Model of Twin Screw Steamers *Monteagle* and *Montfort*.

Mr. A. E. HORROCKS—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).

NATIONAL GALLERY BOARD—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.

Mr. COUNCILLOR PEARSON, J.P.—Nest of Weights (Système Usuel, or Binary System).

Mr. COUNCILLOR WEALE—A large frame containing photo-micrographs of different timbers.

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1912.

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1912.*

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 TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1912, as follows :—

**THE COMBINED LIBRARIES**—138,646 issues have resulted from the public demands made upon the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the transactions of the previous year, the figures disclosed a decrease in issues of 10,046. This falling-off was ascribed to three causes, namely : the phenomenally fine weather experienced during the summer months, the labour unrest in August and in March, and the improved conditions of employment which ensued upon the cessation of the strikes.

**THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**—During the period under review, 119,481 issues were registered, which gave an average output in all classes of 403 per day. 519 books, mainly representative of recent literary effort, have been acquired. Statistical particulars of stock, and of the use made of it, are given in tabular form on page 13. 973 worn-out books, which embraced several obsolete technical publications, were replaced by new and current copies. 1,047 volumes were bound, 25 re-sewn or covered anew, whilst minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 195 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 5,519; of these, 1,067 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of tickets in active force was brought up to 6,586. 2,290 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only one instance was it found necessary to approach the guarantor to obtain restitution. From various causes some 12 volumes, valued at 24s., were lost, but as a set-off against this 3 books, previously reported as missing, have been recovered.

Facilities were granted to 45 bona-fide students for the free use of the Students' Room, and this provision for the pursuit of quiet study, and for the furtherance of research, has been greatly appreciated by those primarily concerned. The total number of tickets in active use was 114.

The following issues were recorded in connection with the scheme of fortnightly book deliveries operative at the elementary schools: Bedford Road, 7,218; Gray Street, 1,631; Hawthorne Road, 2,086; Linacre, 1,438; Salisbury Road, 4,352; Orrell, 3,085; Christ Church, 1,392; St. Mary's, 1,454; St. John's, 900; St. James's, 1,235; St. James's Select, 22; and St. Winefride's, 497—Total, 25,310. In addition to the foregoing returns, 15,351 issues were registered at the library counter between deliveries. The following observations apropos of the utility of the scheme, extracted from the General Report of H.M. Inspector of Schools (Mr. J. C. Iles), are not without interest:—"The amount of matter read or, in other words, the extent to which some of the older girls have been brought under the humanising influence of literature, especially poetry, is very considerable, and must be beneficial. Aided by a good supply of books in school, and by a well-managed public library, Bootle schools are in this respect well to the front." Enquiries as to the methods employed, and the advantages accruing from the system, have been received from several educational authorities. Full information was readily afforded upon the points raised, and copies of the printed forms in use freely supplied.

Owing to the retrogressive tendency evinced of late in the yield of the rate levied for library purposes, it was again deemed expedient to defer the publication of certain desirable class-lists until a more opportune season. Meanwhile, however, the requirements of readers have been reasonably met by the manuscript card catalogues which have been kept thoroughly up-to-date, and by the gratuitous distribution of two lists of additions under the title of *Mainly about Books*.

The value of the library as a teaching auxiliary has again been abundantly demonstrated. Books on specific topics have been requisitioned for educative purposes by the Girls Secondary School, the School of Art, and the Technical School. At the request of the Teacher of Commercial Geography, a collection of important works bearing upon the continent of South America was freely lent for class inspection. It may here be reiterated that these occasional loans serve an eminently useful purpose, inasmuch as they draw attention to the more instructive contents of the Library and conduce to a larger demand for the books that signify.



The weekly delivery of books at the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, has been regularly maintained, 5,281 issues having been made to the employees of that go-ahead concern.

In April the Library was visited by some 60 members of the Liverpool and District Association of Assistant Librarians, when the Borough Librarian delivered an illustrated lecture entitled "The Romance of the Bookbinder's Art." Prior to the delivery of the lecture the visitors inspected the various departments, and appeared to be impressed with the variety and extent of the institution's activities. A noteworthy feature of the meeting was the exhibition in the Art Room of a valuable collection of ancient and modern examples of bookbinding, kindly lent by Mr. E. Gordon Duff, M.A., Messrs. Henry Young & Sons, Messrs. Cedric Chivers, Limited, and Mr. S. E. Hodgson.

For the sixth successive year a striking display of holiday literature was submitted for public information in the entrance hall of the library. Of the 360 guide books openly exhibited 307 related to beauty spots in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 53 treated of favoured continental resorts. By general consent this display was regarded as the finest of the series, and attracted considerable attention throughout the summer months. At the close of the season, the various publications were handed over to St. Mary's School for teaching purposes.

The Bootle Photographic Society has conducted a most successful session's work in a basement room of the building, where a programme of exceptionally fine lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the information of members and others interested.

THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS—These rooms have been well frequented, 112,816 visits having been noted.

THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY—The statistical table occurring on page 14 gives details of stock, and of the use to which it was put. 19,165 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output of 62. Readers tickets in active force numbered 490. 44 volumes have been added, 157 bound, and 3 re-sewn, whilst 85 well-worn books were replaced by fresh copies. 91 applications were addressed to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only a single case was an appeal to the guarantor necessitated.



THE MARSH LANE READING ROOMS—The attendance at these rooms has proved eminently satisfactory, 101,275 visits having been recorded.

THE MUSEUM—35,647 visits were paid to this department, the popularity of which has been well maintained. Much useful work has been accomplished in the way of cleaning, rearrangement, and preservation of specimens, whilst several recent acquisitions have been suitably set up and properly described. A pleasing exhibit consisting of 24 small cases illustrative of British Trees has been conveniently exposed on the upper landing. This collection was usefully supplemented by the exhibition of 16 frames containing photographs of typical trees in their summer and winter aspects, with enlarged views of the bark, leaves, flowers, and fruit. A portion of the bird skins presented some fifteen months since by the Trustees of the British Museum, has been effectively mounted, labelled, and displayed. The thanks of your Committee have been extended to Dr. W. M. Tattersall, Keeper of the University Museum, Manchester, for the gift of a series of specimens showing the development of the British Oyster from the spat to the full-grown stage. Thanks have also been accorded to Mr. Maurice Eschwege and to Mr. G. H. Reed, of Liverpool, for their donation of a small but striking collection of precious and semi-precious stones. These have been arranged in the Middle Room and constitute an effective exhibit.

. Loans for teaching purposes have been freely granted to the following educational establishments, namely :—Boys' Secondary School, Girls' Secondary School, School of Art, Technical School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linaere School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, St. Mary's School, and St. Winefride's School. That these concessions have proved a valuable educational adjunct is evidenced by the following excerpt from the General Report of H.M. Inspector of Schools (Mr. J. C. Iles):—" The Museum Authorities have helped teachers to illustrate their lessons by lending them specimens ; this is excellent, and might possibly be further developed."

Groups of scholars from the Girls' Secondary School, the School of Art, and Orrell Council School have visited the Museum in company with their teachers, when attention was especially drawn to exhibits bearing upon matters then under consideration.

**THE ART ROOM**—The collection of pictures relating to Old Liverpool, etc., has been rearranged so as to permit of the inclusion of certain prints recently acquired. Sundry items embraced therein have been lent to the Corporations of Liverpool and Wallasey for the purposes of special local exhibitions.

The thanks of your Committee have been extended to Mr. T. Sands Johnson, J.P., and to Mr. Fred C. Johnson for the loan of valuable pictures.

The attractiveness of this apartment was appreciably enhanced by the receipt, in May, of a collection of photographs illustrative of masterpieces of sculpture. The photographs, which numbered 110, were comprised in 57 frames, and much care was bestowed upon the descriptive labels. In addition to the foregoing items, 13 large hand-coloured photographs of Chinese and Japanese scenes, executed by that brilliant photographer Mr. H. G. Ponting, F.R.P.S., were displayed in another room. Your Committee have duly acknowledged their indebtedness to Messrs. Mansell & Co., of London, for the loan of these picturesque productions.

It is worthy of note that all the available wall space was taken up in September and the five succeeding months by the Exhibition of the Fourth Circulating Collection of Water-Colour Paintings of the British School, kindly lent by the Circulation Division of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The collection was designed to illustrate the rise and progress of the art, and comprised examples by well-known masters. The paintings numbered 84, and were appraised for purposes of insurance at £1,200.

In February, before a large assembly, the Mayor (Councillor John W. E. Smith) formally opened the 18th Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The framed exhibits, which numbered 195, were hung by the staff with the assistance of certain members. The work shown attained to a high level of technical excellence, and the subjoined paragraph thereupon, extracted from the report of one of the adjudicator's (Mr. G. A. Booth), is not without significance:—"The privilege and pleasure of seeing one's pictures so ably hung, and displayed under such excellent advantages, must to my mind act as a great incentive to all your members, and doubtless much of the latent ability possessed by them has been developed by such considerations. Presuming the use of the room has been granted by the Town Council, I feel they will consider such a privilege to be amply repaid on viewing the artistic merits of your exhibition, the work shown must be a

revelation to them and the public generally. It is good to know that the authorities render such assistance to a class of work which is fully worthy of it." Considerable public interest was evinced in the exhibition during the three weeks it remained open.

In the same month a new and acceptable loan of art objects was received from the Circulation Division of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The collection—valued for insurance purposes at £700—was arranged by Mr. R. F. Martin, and comprised the following exhibits, namely:—Glass (35 examples), English Earthenware (34 pieces), Italian Textiles (13 specimens), Electrotypes of Arms and Armour (19 objects), and Photographs of Westminster Abbey (12 frames). Thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Board of Education for much practical helpfulness, as well as for suggestive advice on art matters generally.

The succeeding month witnessed the opening of the 5th Annual Exhibition of Works executed by students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected and shown, the school proper sent 50 framed and 36 unframed examples, together with a modelled cast. The Teachers Saturday Morning Class contributed 26 drawings, and the Trades Preparatory School furnished 29. The Boys' Secondary School supplied 245 sketches, and the Girls' Secondary School 175. The exhibition again proved deservedly popular, no less than 2,939 visitors having entered the Art Room during the 17 days the exhibits were available for inspection. It may be remarked that the artistic finish of the drawings evoked much favourable comment, and this should not be without advantage to the school in the near future. A noteworthy feature of the exhibition was the range of carefully executed drawings of specimens loaned from the museum cases.

Public attention was called to the abovementioned attractions by means of paragraphs in the local press, and by the circulation of handbills.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely:—

1911.

Oct. 27—Some distinguished British Water-Colourists and their Productions.

Nov. 24—The Ant : a consideration of her ways.

Dec. 15—The life-history of the Bee.

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Jan. 26—Some Pictures the Nation Treasures.

Feb. 23—The Coal we burn, and how it is procured.

Mar. 8 —Old Masters : their Interest and Significance.

Each address was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. The attendance varied from 60 to 120 persons.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

1911.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 20—	Mr. ALBERT E. WORKMAN ...	Oratorio : its Origin and Development ( <i>with Musical Illustrations</i> ).	720
Nov. 27—	Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...	*Derbyshire : the Switzerland of England.	650
Dec. 4—	Miss LYLIE McGRATH, A.R.A.M.	The dual Art of Verse and Music ( <i>Lecture-Recital with Musical Accompaniments</i> ).	620
Dec. 11—	Mr. WILLIAM R. CLAYTON ...	*A Tour through India.	550
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Jan. 15—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	More about Pictures in Music ( <i>with Lantern Illustrations and Piano-forte Solos</i> ).	340
Jan. 22—	Rev. THOMAS J. WALSH, B.A., F.R.A.S.	*Through a glass darkly : some Revelations of the Telescope.	330
Jan. 29—	Mr. H. GREGORIUS BROWN, <i>Officier D'Académie</i> F.R. HIST. S.	*Montenegro : Mountains and Men.	300
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Feb. 5—Rev. GEORGE A. PARKINSON ...	*Garibaldi ; or, Stirring Times in Italian History.	200	
Feb. 12—Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*Oliver Cromwell : his Life and Times.	400	
Feb. 19—Mr. HENRY CROWTHER, F.R.M.S.	*The Scenery, People, and Legends of Cornwall.	400	
Feb. 26—Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE ...	*Electric Power, with special reference to the Bootle Electric Supply.	320	
Mar. 4—Rev. THOMAS W. M. LUND, M.A.	*The Lake of Como : its Scenery, Art, and Archæology.	350	
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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

<i>1911.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 23—Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.		*Mary, Queen of Scots : Her Life and Times.	440
Nov. 30—Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...		*Down the Thames in a Camping Boat.	420
Dec. 7—Mr. E. RIMBAULT DIBDIN		*Painters as Story-Tellers.	360
Dec. 14—Rev. THOMAS W. M. LUND, M.A.		*Peeps into Swiss Life.	320
<i>1912.</i>			
Jan. 18—Rev. SIDNEY A. BARRETT ...		*The Isle of Man and its Legends.	113
Jan. 25—Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE ...		*The Wireless Telegraph.	250
Feb. 1—Mr. W. B. GRIFFITHS VAUGHAN, Inter. B.Sc., A.C.P.		*Rambles in the Yorkshire Dales.	250
		Carried forward	<hr/> 2,153 <hr/>



		Brought forward	2,158
Feb. 8—Miss MAUDE HAMMOND	...	Old English Songs and Ballads ( <i>Lecture- Recital, with Musical Accompaniments</i> ).	300
Feb. 15—Dr. JOHN W. ELLIS, F.E.S.	*	Days in “Merrie Sher- wood”; with glimpses of Ivanhoe Land.	270
Feb. 22—Mr. DANIEL J. NEILL	...	*Bonnie Scotland : the Land of Romance and Beauty.	350
Feb. 29—Rev. THOMAS J. WALSHIE, B.A., F.R.A.S.	*	Some Memories of Rome.	450
Mar. 7—Mr. WILLIAM H. NOBLE	...	*The Glories of Sunny Spain.	360

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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*

It should here be stated that inclement weather militated at times against the attendance. Thanks are hereby tendered to the Finance Committee for having again granted the free use of the respective halls.

ORRELL POPULAR LECTURES—The undermentioned four lectures were delivered at the Orrell Council School :—

1911.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 17—	Mr. ANANDA ROYER A. CHINAPPA, F.R.S.L.	Some aspects of Life in India.	80
Dec. 8—	Dr. C. THURSTAN HOLLAND, F.R.P.S.	*X-Rays and their uses.	90
1912.			
Jan. 19—	Mr. WILLIAM BENNETT ...	A Merry Night with English and American Humorists.	42
Feb. 16—	Rev. GEORGE A. PARKINSON ...	*A Tour through Brittany.	60

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\* *Lantern Illustrations.*



Thanks have been accorded to the Education Committee for their considerateness in having granted the use of a room free of charge.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On December 28th and 29th, Lantern Entertainments were given at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall to the poorer children in attendance at the elementary schools. Fully 2,200 little folk participated in the three entertainments, and keenly enjoyed the proceedings. Refreshments were dispensed at the close of each performance, the cost of which was generously defrayed by public subscriptions. The contributions plus the balance of £3 1s. 6d. carried forward from 1910 amounted to £19 14s. 0d., and the expenditure to £16 19s. 6d. The surplus has been set aside for a like object.

STAFF—Robert McElnea tendered his resignation in July in order to take up a position in the Borough Accountant's Department. Frank M. Meakin, Ben Robinson, and Cecil Meakin were promoted, the place of the latter being filled by the appointment of Harold A. Wright as School Delivery Attendant. William Wilson left in July and Henry O. Eves in October, and their places were supplied by the appointment of Frank Cater and John Hagan. It is gratifying to record that William Williams has passed the examination of the Library Association in Cataloguing, and that Frank M. Meakin has satisfied the examiners in Library Routine. It only now remains to be added that painstaking, efficient, and loyal service has been rendered by each member of the staff.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1912.

HUGH CARRUTHERS,

*Chairman.*

## CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.				REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.			
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.	Added 1911-1912.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Issues 1911-1912.		Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Added 1911-1912.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.				
				Adult.	Juvenile.					Total.		
Biography ... ..	1616	16	1632	1411	711	2122	294	1	295	208	1927	2330
Philology and Literary History	276	...	276	245	26	271	1205	27	1232	447	1508	718
Religion... ..	1104	3	1107	814	56	870	405	12	417	237	1524	1107
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	2700	41	2741	3690	2149	5839	2858	44	2902	718	5643	6557
Mental and Moral Science	203	1	204	311	15	326	19	...	19	75	223	401
Poetry ... ..	582	5	587	725	149	874	55	...	55	157	642	1031
Prose Fiction, including Fiction in the Juvenile Library	7483	148	7631	49132	38992	88124	13	...	13	1104	7644	89228
Fine Arts ... ..	338	1	339	569	108	677	620	19	639	239	978	916
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	1187	1	1188	1520	1105	2625	1314	17	1331	358	2519	2983
Technical Literature ... ..	847	12	859	1792	551	2343	2210	86	2296	654	3155	2997
General and Unclassed Works...	1846	41	1887	8172	667	8839	928	30	958	751	2845	9590
Local Literature ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	11	181	40	181	40
Music Scores ... ..	419	3	422	1510	27	1537	...	...	...	46	422	1583
Totals	18601	272	18873	69891	44556	114447	10091	247	10338	5034	29211	119481

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference	...	17	Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at ..	112,816
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Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 5,632.

For Home Reading, 114,668      Grand Total, 120,300

## MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1911.	Added 1911-12	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Issues for Home Reading 1911-12.	Issues for Reference, 1911-12.	Total issues in each Class, 1911-12.
Biography ... ..	203	...	203	161	145	306
Philology and Literary History ... ..	8	2	10	19	8	27
Religion ... ..	93	1	94	48	42	90
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	361	23	384	437	423	860
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	14	2	16	16	10	26
Poetry ... ..	71	...	71	58	66	124
Prose Fiction ... ..	2038	2	2040	14413	2555	16968
Fine Arts ... ..	28	1	29	14	25	39
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	91	11	102	92	84	176
Technical Literature ... ..	87	1	88	165	199	364
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	62	1	63	107	78	185
Totals ... ..	3056	44	3100	15530	3635	19165

*N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference 12      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading 50

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 101,275

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 3,648

For Home Reading, 15,535      Grand Total, 19,183.

# LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

## TO THE

# CENTRAL LIBRARY.

- AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA—"The Journal of the Department of Agriculture," 1911-12, as issued (6 copies).
- ANIMALS' FRIEND SOCIETY—"The Hunted Otter," by J. Collinson.
- ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF EMIGRATION FOR CANADA—"Opportunities in Canada," edited by E. Heaton and J. B. Robinson, 1911.
- H.M. BOARD OF TRADE—(Labour Department)—"Standard Time Rates of Wages, 1910," "Fourteenth Abstract of Labour Statistics, 1908-9," 1911; "Report on Changes in Wages and Hours of Labour, 1910," "Report on Strikes and Lock-outs, 1910"; "Standard Time Rates of Wages at 1st January, 1912."
- BOOLE HEALTH COMMITTEE—"Report of the Medical Officer for 1910"; "Report of the School Medical Officer, 1910."
- MR. A. K. BUNNELL, INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER, BRANTFORD, CANADA—"The Expositor: Greater Brantford Number," 1909.
- MESSRS. E. N. CASARES & SONS—"Argentina in 1910."
- CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS—"List of Members, 1910-11."
- CHURCH EMIGRATION SOCIETY—"Annual Report, 1910."
- CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings, 1910-11"; "The Story of the Year, 1910-11."
- CO-OPERATIVE UNION, LTD., MANCHESTER—"The 43rd Annual Co-operative Congress, 1911, Report."
- MESSRS. THOS. COOK & SON—"Natal Province: descriptive guide and official hand-book," Edited by A. H. Tatlow, 1911.
- COVENANT PUBLISHING Co.—"Bible Talks for Heart and Mind," 1909.
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—"Bulletins," Nos. 67 and 68.
- REV. R. B. DE WOLF, M.A.—"Round the World in 124 Days," by R. W. Leyland, 1880; "Travels in Africa," by M. Park, 1860; "Nor'ard of the Dogger," by E. J. Mather, 1888; "Sunlight and Shadow," by J. B. Gough, 1887; "A Tramp Abroad," by Mark Twain; Baddeley's "Northern Highlands," Part 2, 1894; "Life of St. Paul," by W. J. Conybeare and J. S. Howson, 2 Vols., 1875.
- MR. A. C. FIFIELD (the Publisher)—"Selections from Charles Swain," 1906.
- MRS. J. G.-R. FORLONG, EDINBURGH—"Faiths of Man," by Maj.Gen. J. G. Forlong, 3 vols., 1906.
- MR. L. UPCOTT GILL (the Publisher)—"Canada To-day, 1911."
- MR. C. R. HAND (the Author)—"The Story of the Calderstones," 1910 (10 copies); "The Story of the Menai Straits," 1911 (6 copies).
- HIGH COMMISSIONER, COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—"Official Year-Book, 1901-1910"; "Australia To-day," 1911; "The Australian Commonwealth: its resources and production"; "The Year-Book of Australia for 1911"; "Tanami Goldfield and District Report," 1911; "Shipping and Oversea Migration for 1909"; "Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates"; Index to Session, 1910; Session 1911, parts 1-31; "Population and Vital Statistics," Bulletins 23-26; "Social Statistics for year 1909"; "United Empire," vol. 2, no. 7, 1911.
- HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND—"New Zealand Official Year-Book for 1910"; Statistics for 1909, parts 1-7, 1910, parts 1-3"; "Crown Lands Guide, 1911"; "New Zealand Handbook," 1911; "Minerals and Mining Reports, 1910"; "Journal of the Department of Labour, Oct., 1911"; "New Zealand Meat" (a pamphlet); "The Mineral Waters and Health Resorts of New Zea-



- land," by A. S. Wohlmann, 1911;  
 "The New Zealand Settlers' Handbook," 1911; "New Zealand" (a pamphlet); "The New Zealand Farmer: Fruit No., June, 1911."
- HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH AFRICA—  
 "The Industrial and Commercial Inducements of Cape Town," 1911.
- MESSRS. HODGES, FIGGIS & Co. (the Publishers)—"Dublin University Calendar, 1911-12," 2 vols.
- HUMANITARIAN LEAGUE—"The Other Side of the Bars," by E. Bell, 1911.
- INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION—"Rules and Regulations for trading in Grain 'Futures,'" 1911.
- INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MASTER COTTON SPINNERS' AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATIONS—"Origin and Progress," by Sir C. W. Macara, 1911; "8th International Congress: Official Report, 1911"; "Cotton Growing in Egypt," by A. Schmidt, 1912.
- JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY COMMITTEE, CHICAGO, U.S.A.—"Educational Opportunities in Chicago," 1911.
- MR. JOB JONES—"Hanes Wesleyaeth Gymreig," Cyf. 1, 1911.
- LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY—"34th Annual Report."
- LIBRARIES—*Catalogues* from Cardiff, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Liverpool (Athenæum), Manchester (John Rylands Library), Manchester (Moss Side Library), Sunderland, Warrington.
- Bulletins* from Cardiff, Croydon, Finsbury, Manchester, New York (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Wallasey.
- Reports* from Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Baltimore, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt Library), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Chorley, Colchester, Cork, Coventry, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Folkestone, Fulham, Gilstrap, Gloucester, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Haslingden, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kimberley (S. Africa), Kingston-on-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Liverpool (Lyceum), Los Angeles (U.S.A.), Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newton-in-Makerfield, New York (U.S.A.), Norwich, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Ottawa (Canada), Paisley, Penarth, Perth, Portsmouth, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Rochester, Run-corn, St. Anne's, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Stockport, Stoke New-ington, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Waterloo-with-Sea-forth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Western Australia, Westminster, Widnes, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Work-ington, York.
- LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON—"Report of the Librarian of Congress, 1911."
- LIVERPOOL ENGINEERING SOCIETY—"Transactions," vol. 32, 1910-11.
- LIVERPOOL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY—"Proceedings, Session 1910-11."
- LIVERPOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE—"Report on the health of the City of Liverpool, 1910," by E. W. Hope, Medical Officer.
- LIVERPOOL LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY—"Proceedings," Vols. 56-61, 1901-1910 (6 vols.).
- LIVERPOOL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY—"Forty-Second Annual Report," 1911.
- LIVERPOOL NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB—"Proceedings, 1911."
- LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY—"University of Liverpool: Calendar for 1912."
- MR. L. LOMBARD (the Author)—"Observations d'un Musicien Américain," 1905.
- LONDON PUBLICITY CO., LTD. (the Publishers)—"Diet and the Maximum Duration of Life," by C. Reinhardt.
- LORD MAYOR OF LONDON (Alderman Sir T. Vesey Strong)—"Anglo-American Arbitration: an extract from the report to the Court of Common Council," 1911.
- MR. V. E. MARSDEN (the Translator)—"Finland: the Question of Autonomy and Fundamental Laws," by N. D. Sergéevsky, 1911.



MESSRS. MATHER AND CROWTHER, LTD.  
—"Practical Advertising," 1912.

MUSEUMS—*Reports* from Bristol, Colchester, Glasgow, Maidstone, Manchester, National Museum of Wales, Norwich, Perth, Royal Scottish Museum, Welsh Museum (Cardiff).

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES—"Charter of Incorporation and Report to 31st March, 1909"; "Report from April 1909, to September, 1910"; "Bibliography of the published works of the late Dr. Heinrich Zimmer," 1911; "Catalogue of Tracts of the Civil War and Commonwealth Period relating to Wales and the Borders," 1911; "Memorandum on the Claims of the National Library of Wales to be included in the Copyright Bill," 1911.

NATIONAL MUSEUM, IRELAND—"Report on the National Museum, 1909-10," "Museum Bulletin," Parts 1-4, 1911.

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS—"Report for 1911."

H.M. PATENT OFFICE—"Patents: Abridgments of Specifications," A.D. 1905-1908, 65 vols.

MESSRS. J. AND J. PATON (the Publishers)—"List of Schools and Tutors, 1911-12."

PEACE SOCIETY—"Presentation of Pan-American Gold Medal to Andrew Carnegie," by Hon. J. Barrett, 1911.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY—"Scientific Proceedings," vol. xiii. no. 37 and Index, vol. xiii. nos. 1-11; "Economic Proceedings," vol. 2, nos. 3 and 4.

SALVATION ARMY—"Be Pitiful! 26th Report of the Women's Social (Rescue and Slum) Work."

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—"Annual Reports, 1908-10," 2 vols.; "Report of the U.S. National Museum, 1909-10."

MISS SNAPE—"The Heavenly Twins," 3 vols.

SOUTH EASTERN UNION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES—"Transactions," (Reprint 1911); "Treasure Trove and Other Relics."

H. M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Borough Librarian.

TESTIMONY PUBLISHING CO., CHICAGO—"The Fundamentals," vols. 1-6, 1911.

TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—"Catalogue of the Fresh-Water Fishes of Africa," vol. 2, 1911; Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalænæ," vol. 10, 1910.

UNION DEFENCE LEAGUE—"A Leap in the Dark: a criticism of the principles of Home Rule," by A. V. Dicey, 1911; "Irish Affairs and the Home Rule Question," by P. G. Cambray, 1911; "The Peril of Home Rule," by P. Kerr-Smiley, 1911.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION—"Report of the Commissioner of Education," 1909-10, vol. 2.

UNIVERSAL COOKERY AND FOOD ASSOCIATION—"The Cookery Annual, 1912."

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE—"London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1912."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE—"Foster Fraser's Fallacies," by W. Nelson (2 copies).

MR. W. WILLETT (the Author)—"The Waste of Daylight," 1911 (a Pamphlet).

MESSRS. WYMAN AND SONS, LTD. (the Publishers) — "The Revolution in Finland," by V. Vladimirov, 1911.

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MISS ARMSTRONG—Cheirotherium Foot-print from Storeton; Shale shewing Palm stem from Lea Green Collieries; Ostrich Egg and Native turned Cup for holding zame, from Nigeria; Tear Bottle from Syria (imperfect); Box containing Fossils, Minerals, etc.

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MR. J. ARMSTRONG—Antique Table of Irish workmanship.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—*See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.*

BOOTLE DIVISION OF THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE—Silver Challenge Cups (2) and Replica in miniature.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH

# GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 1913.

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*SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 1913.*

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# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

## TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1913, as follows :—

**THE COMBINED LIBRARIES**—During the period under review, 133,523 issues resulted from the public demands made upon the resources of the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the transactions of the previous year, the figures disclosed a falling-off in issues of 5,123. This defection on the part of readers may be attributed to diminished leisure consequent upon the boom in trade, and to the devotion of a portion of that leisure to the attractions of the ubiquitous cinema.

**THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**—Statistical details as to stock, and the use made thereof, are given in tabular form on page 13. 116,131 issues were recorded, which gave an average output in all classes of 390 per day. 496 books, mainly representative of recent literary achievement, have been added, whilst 523 worn-out books, which included several obsolete editions of technical publications, were replaced by new and current copies. 1,271 volumes were bound, 74 re-sewn or covered afresh, whilst minor repairs to many hundreds of books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 156 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 5,063; of these, 1,107 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of the tickets in active force was raised to 6,170. 2,602 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only six cases was it found necessary to approach the guarantors to obtain restitution. The annual stocktaking revealed the loss of some 15 volumes, the value of which was estimated at 30/-.



Tickets admitting to the use of the Students' Room were granted to 24 applicants, and this convenience for the pursuit of uninterrupted study, and for the prosecution of research, has been highly appreciated by those concerned. The total number of tickets in regular use was 69.

The following issues were recorded in connection with the scheme of book deliveries operative at the elementary schools :—Bedford Road, 7,145 ; Gray Street, 1,768 ; Hawthorne Road, 2,160 ; Linacre, 1,555 ; Salisbury Road, 3,419 ; Orrell, 1,942 ; Christ Church, 1,317 ; St. Mary's, 1,030 ; St. John's, 1,014 ; St. James's, 1,405 ; St. James's Select, 1,140 ; and St. Winefride's, 806—Total, 24,701. In addition to the foregoing returns, 15,644 issues were registered at the library counter between deliveries. The following observations apropos of the utility of the scheme, extracted from the December number of the *BOOK MONTHLY*, are not without interest :—

“ A north country borough is doing something in the way of children's “ reading which other parts of the country might well imitate in the same “ vigorous way. The borough is Bootle, which has the good fortune to have “ library authorities who are sympathetic and enterprising. . . . A close “ alliance has been established between the public library movement in Bootle “ and the schools in which the children are educated. It goes as far back as “ 1894, but it has grown closer with each succeeding year, and with each “ succeeding year also it has yielded fruit more and more abundantly. Now “ every school in the borough is linked with the Central Library, and the “ issue of books for the twelve months last computed amounted to upwards “ of 40,000. Of 10,000 children attending the twelve elementary schools, “ 3,500, ranging in age from eight to fifteen years, are borrowers from the “ library. All that is of good report, and the finishing touch to it is put by one “ of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, who says he notices in the children “ . . . a notable literary excellence in composition, a fact which he “ attributes to their comparatively wide course of reading.”

Enquiries as to the methods employed, and the advantages to be derived from the adoption of the system, have been received from several educational authorities. Full information thereupon was afforded in every instance, and copies of the printed forms in use freely supplied.

It is much to be regretted that the yield of the Library Rate has shown no upward tendency, thereby necessitating the postponement of the publication of sundry desirable catalogues until the occurrence of a more favourable oppor-

tunity. Meanwhile, however, the needs of readers have been largely met by the manuscript card catalogues, and by the occasional distribution of printed lists of additions under the title of *Mainly About Books*.

The significance of the library as a teaching auxiliary has again been abundantly confirmed. Books on specific topics have been freely requisitioned by the Secondary School for Girls, the School of Art, and the Technical School. Past experiences has demonstrated that these special loans serve a distinctly useful object, inasmuch as they draw the attention of students to the more instructive contents of the shelves, and conduce to a larger individual demand for books of permanent interest and value.

The Book Delivery associated with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Ltd., has been regularly maintained, 5,068 issues having been made to the employees of that enterprising firm.

For the seventh consecutive year a striking exhibition of holiday literature was arranged for public inspection in the entrance hall of the library. Of the 470 publications openly shown 431 related to places of interest in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 39 treated of prominent Continental resorts. By general consent this display was regarded as the most comprehensive of the series, and attracted continuous attention from May to September. At the close of the season a selected number of the publications was handed over to Linacre Council School for teaching purposes.

A most successful session's work has been conducted by the Bootle Photographic Society in a basement room of the library premises, where an attractive syllabus of lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the delectation of members and their friends.

**THE CENTRAL READING ROOMS**—These rooms have been largely frequented, 113,137 visits having been noted. The cleaning and re-polishing of the newspaper slopes has added greatly to the appearance of the News Room.

**THE MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY**—The statistical table which appears on page 14 affords particulars of stock, and of the use to which it was put. 17,392 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output of 57. Readers' tickets in regular use numbered 468. 66 volumes have been acquired, 198 bound, and 2 re-sewn, whilst 12 well-worn items were replaced by fresh copies. 94 applications were addressed to borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only a single instance was an appeal to the guarantor necessitated.

**THE MARSH LANE READING ROOMS**—The attendance at these rooms has proved thoroughly satisfactory, 102,544 visits having been recorded.

**THE MUSEUM**—The popularity of this department has been fully upheld, no less than 37,573 visits having been paid thereto. Much useful work has been accomplished in the shape of cleaning, re-arrangement, and preservation of specimens, whilst several contributions of a minor character have been suitably set up and described. A few shabby natural history specimens have been replaced by fresh examples, whilst sundry ornithological and other exhibits, presented by Mr. D. H. Kennedy, have been effectively mounted and displayed. The interest attaching to a number of archæological objects has been appreciably enhanced by the provision of labels of an elucidatory character. A further supply of small wall-cases, illustrative of British Trees and of Winged Fruit and Seeds, has been acquired, and these have been temporarily exhibited on the main stairway. The thanks of your Committee have been extended to Dr. W. M. Tattersall, Keeper of the University Museum, Manchester, for the gift of several species of small Crustacea, and to Mr. L. E. Hope, Curator of the Carlisle Museum, for the donation of a collection of Eggs of British Birds. The final instalment of the collection of Bird Skins, presented a little over two years ago by the Trustees of the British Museum, has been neatly mounted, and the specimens exhibited in a self-contained case specially built for their accommodation.

Loans of exhibits have been granted to the following educational establishments, namely:—Secondary School for Boys, Secondary School for Girls, School of Art, Technical School, Trades Preparatory School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. John's School, St. Mary's School, and St. Winefride's School. These concessions, it may be observed, have proved of much assistance to teachers in the illustration of their lessons.

Groups of scholars from Orrell Council School, and from St. Mary's School, have visited the Museum in the company of their teachers, when attention was especially drawn to specimens bearing upon topics then under consideration.

**THE ART ROOM**—A rapid succession of loans has rendered this apartment unusually active. Your Committee have duly acknowledged their indebtedness to the Arts Committees of the Corporations of Dundee, Glasgow,

Liverpool, Oldham, and Salford for the loan of important paintings and proof engravings, the exhibition of which proved a fruitful source of public interest during their all-too-brief residence locally. Thanks have likewise been extended to Mr. T. Sands Johnson, J.P., for the loan of four pleasing pictures, and to the Pencil Society for the loan of a collection of original drawings. It is worthy of mention that the concessions obtained from the sources abovenamed were valued for purposes of insurance at £7,940.

In August a series of 30 fine engravings and mezzotints was lent for exhibition by the Circulation Division of the Victoria and Albert Museum. These choice examples of the engraver's art were insured for the sum of £300.

A small exhibit of competitive drawings, executed by elementary school children and loaned by the Bootle Garden Allotments Association, was submitted for inspection during the months of September and October. In view of the interest evinced by the public, it was decided to promote a similar exhibition, but on a larger scale, some twelve months later.

In January, before a fair assemblage, the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor John W. E. Smith), formally opened the 19th Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The framed photographs, which numbered 202, were arranged by members of the Society with the co-operation of the staff. In addition to the prints abovementioned there was also shown a collection of superb lantern slides. The work exhibited attained to a high standard of technical skill, and was warmly commended by the judge, Mr. T. Lee Syms, F.R.P.S. It may be observed, in passing, that the expert named heartily complimented your authority upon the facilities so considerably afforded for the promotion of the art. Considerable public interest was manifested in the exhibition during the four weeks it remained open.

In the following month a new and acceptable loan of art objects was received from the Circulation Division of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The collection—appraised for insurance at £1,350—was arranged by Mr. A. E. J. Torrens, and comprised the following exhibits, namely:—Turkish Pottery and Tiles (29 pieces), Ironwork and plaster casts of the same (37 examples), Wood-work, Leather-work and plaster casts of the same (21 objects), Electro-types of Repoussé Work (27 pieces), Water-Colour Paintings of Carpets (3 frames), Carpets (2 frames), Japanese Paintings on Silk (4 frames), and



Oil Paintings (6 frames). Your Committee hereby record their high appreciation of the helpfulness extended from time to time by the Board of Education.

The succeeding month witnessed the opening of the sixth Annual Exhibition of Works executed by students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected and shown, the School proper sent 51 framed and 2 unframed examples, together with a modelled cast. Two cases of Craft Work were also exhibited, and these embraced examples of bookbinding and embossed leather work, ivory carving, illuminating stenciling, and embroidery. 43 drawings were contributed by the Trades Preparatory School, whilst the Secondary School for Boys submitted 208 sketches, and the Secondary School for Girls 176. The exhibition again proved deservedly popular, no less than 2,388 visitors having entered the Art Room during the 17 days the exhibits were on view. It may here be remarked that the artistic finish of the drawings evoked much favourable comment, and it is believed that the impression thus created will not be without advantage to the School in the near future. A praiseworthy feature of the display was the range of neatly executed drawings of specimens loaned from the Museum cases.

Public attention was directed to the foregoing attractions by means of paragraphs in the local press, and by the circulation of handbills.

FREE MUSEUM ADDRESSES—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely :—

1912.

Oct. 25—Types of Architectural Beauty : Canterbury Cathedral and The Alhambra.

Nov. 22—Some Microscopic Revelations.

Dec. 13—Pictures that speak to us.

1913.

Jan. 24—A notable Preacher-Painter : George Frederick Watts, R.A.

Feb. 21—Man, the Primeval Savage.

Mar. 14—Feathered Friends of local interest.



Each subject was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. At the close of each address the visitors were conducted through the Museum rooms, where a little time was profitably expended in enlarging upon some of the more striking exhibits. The attendance ranged from 50 to 100 persons.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

<i>1912.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 18—	Mr. ALBERT E. WORKMAN...	English Opera: Retro-spective and Prospective ( <i>With Musical Illustrations.</i> )	850
Nov. 25—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*Camping Days and Ways	400
Dec. 2.—	Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE ...	*The Conquest of Space, with remarks on Mechanical Flight.	300
Dec. 9—	Mr. JAMES BERNARD ...	Recital of "A Christmas Carol."	720
<i>1913.</i>			
Jan. 20—	Rev. ROBERT B. DEWOLF, M.A.	*The Cliffs and Glens of Antrim and the Giant's Causeway.	400
Jan. 27—	Dr. C. THURSTAN HOLLAND...	*X-Rays and their Uses	310
Feb. 3—	Rev. THOMAS W. M. LUND, M.A.	*By-ways of Nature and Art in France.	400
Feb. 10—	Mr. FRED W. SAXBY ...	*Dust: its Origin and Influence.	282
Feb. 17—	Rev. THOMAS J. WALSH, B.A., F.R.A.S.	*Three Cities of Andalusia	550
Feb. 24—	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ...	*A Patriot in London: Romances, Legends, Customs old and new.	400
Carried forward ...			<hr/> 4,612

1913.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
		Brought forward ...	4,612
Mar. 3—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*A Trip to Shetland	400
Mar. 10—	Miss MAUDE HAMMOND ...	Old English Songs and Ballads ( <i>With Vocal Illustrations.</i> )	488
			<hr/> 5,500 <hr/>

*\*Lantern Illustrations.*

BRANCH LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane:—

1912.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 21—	Miss GWEN PRITCHARD, L.I.S.M., L.R.A.M.	Ancient Music and Melodies of Wales ( <i>With Musical Illustrations.</i> )	400
Nov. 28—	Mr. FRED W. SAXBY ...	*Dust: its Origin and Influence.	160
Dec. 5—	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ...	*With a Camera in the Valley of the Wye.	260
Dec. 12—	Rev. THOMAS J. WALSHE, B.A., F.R.A.S.	*Jerusalem: Ancient and Modern.	300
1913.			
Jan. 16—	Mr. HENRY F. NORTHCOTE ...	*The Revolutions of Nature: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and other Phenomena.	160
Jan. 23—	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*The Scottish Borders: their People, Romance and Legend.	260
Jan. 30—	Mr. W. HENRY GLEAVE ...	*Through Syria and Palestine with a Camera.	200
Feb. 6—	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ...	*With a Caravan in the Scottish Highlands.	330
			<hr/> Carried forward ... 2,070 <hr/>

<i>1913.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
		Brought forward ...	2,070
Feb. 13—	MR. H. LIONEL GIBBS, M.Sc.	*Bonnie Banks and Braes: Rambles in and about the Kyles of Bute.	425
Feb. 20—	MR. J. ERIC HAMILTON, B.Sc.	*St. Kilda and its Birds.	220
Feb. 27—	MR. WILLIAM A. MACKIE ...	*On tramp in Dickens' Land.	280
Mar. 6—	REV. THOMAS W. M. LUND, M.A.	*A Vagabond out with a Camera in England.	210
			<hr/> 3,205 <hr/>

*\*Lantern Illustrations.*

Compared with the previous season, the total attendance disclosed a falling-off of 600—a decline solely due to diminished audiences at the Assembly Hall. It should, however, be stated that wet and stormy weather militated at times against the attendance. Thanks are hereby tendered to the Finance Committee for having again permitted the free use of the respective halls.

ORRELL POPULAR LECTURES—The undermentioned four lectures were delivered at Orrell Council School.

<i>1912.</i>	<i>Lecturer.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Nov. 15—	MISS MAUDE HAMMOND ...	Old Scottish Songs and Ballads ( <i>With Vocal Illustrations.</i> )	120
Dec. 6—	MR. WILLIAM H. NOBLE ...	*The Glories of Sunny Spain.	120
<i>1913.</i>			
Jan. 17—	MR. W. B. GRIFFITHS VAUGHAN, Inter. B.Sc., A.C.P.	*Mid Craven Fells and Yorkshire Dales.	80
Feb. 14—	MR. DANIEL J. NEILL ...	*Westminster Abbey and its Historical Monuments.	110
			<hr/> 430 <hr/>

*\*Lantern Illustrations.*

Thanks have been accorded to the Education Committee for their considerateness in having granted the use of a schoolroom free of charge.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS—On December 30th and 31st, Lantern Entertainments were given at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall to the poorer children in attendance at the elementary schools. Upwards of 2,100 little folk participated in the three entertainments, and appeared to keenly enjoy the proceedings. Refreshments were dispensed at the close of each performance, the cost of which was defrayed by public subscriptions. The contributions, plus the balance of £2 16s. 0d. brought forward from 1911, amounted to £17 1s. 0d., and the expenditure to £14 1s. 6d. The surplus has been retained for a like purpose.

STAFF—Frank Cater resigned in July and John Hagan in January, and their places were supplied by the appointment of John Rawling and Matthew O'Brien. Frank M. Meakin tendered his resignation in March, in order to take up a position under the Tottenham Public Library Committee. Ben. Robinson, Cecil Meakin, and John Rawling were thereupon promoted, the place of the last-named being filled by the appointment of Sidney Barnes. It only now remains to be attested that painstaking, efficient, and wholehearted service has been rendered by each member of the staff.

Dated this 19th day of June, 1913.

HUGH CARRUTHERS,

*Chairman.*

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
	Issues 1912-1913.			Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.			Added 1912-1913.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Added 1912-1913.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.	Total Issues in each Class 1912-1913.
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Added 1912-1913.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.	Adult.	Juvenile.	Total.						
Biography .. .. .	1632	21	1653	1341	470	1811	1	295	1	296	188	1994
Philology and Literary History ..	276	1	277	211	5	216	19	1232	19	1251	323	539
Religion... .. .	1107	25	1132	914	42	956	6	417	6	423	256	1212
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ..	2741	36	2777	3034	1773	4807	63	2902	63	2965	716	5523
Mental and Moral Science ..	204	2	206	210	2	212	1	19	1	20	61	273
Poetry ... .. .	587	5	592	531	135	666	..	55	..	55	128	794
Prose Fiction, including Fiction <i>in the Juvenile Library</i> ..	7631	140	7771	48216	38785	87001	..	13	..	13	934	87935
Fine Arts ... .. .	339	1	340	395	72	467	23	639	23	662	259	726
Mathematical and Natural Science ... .. .	1188	8	1196	1383	796	2179	21	1331	21	1352	331	2510
Technical Literature ..	859	7	866	1886	334	2220	18	2296	18	2314	545	2765
General and Unclassed Works...	1887	55	1942	9133	579	9712	23	958	23	981	752	10464
Local Literature ( <i>i.e., Bootle</i> ) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	181	17	198	27	27
Music Scores ... ..	422	3	425	1315	16	1331	..	..	..	..	38	1369
Totals .. .. .	18873	304	19177	68569	43009	111578	192	10338	192	10530	4553	116131

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference	15	Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at	...	113,137
" " " Home Reading	375	" " Museum	" "	37,572
Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference,				5,692.
For Home Reading,	111,689	Grand Total,		116,781.



## MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1912.	Added 1912-13	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.	Issues for Home Reading 1912-13.	Issues for Reference, 1912-13.	Total Issues in each Class, 1912-13.
Biography ... ..	203	3	206	95	59	154
Philology and Literary History ... ..	10	5	15	16	4	20
Religion ... ..	94	7	101	40	28	68
Sociology, Political History, Topo- graphy and Travel ... ..	384	8	392	486	262	698
Mental and Moral Science ... ..	16	2	18	8	12	20
Poetry ... ..	71	...	71	32	35	67
Prose Fiction ... ..	2040	27	2067	13397	2434	15831
Fine Arts ... ..	29	2	31	4	14	18
Mathematical and Natural Science ... ..	102	8	110	75	52	127
Technical Literature ... ..	88	4	92	147	109	256
General and Unclassed Works ... ..	63	...	63	65	68	133
Totals ... ..	3100	66	3166	14315	3077	17392

*N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.*

Average Day's Issue for Reference 10      Average Day's Issue for Home Reading 47  
 Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 102,544

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 3,081  
 For Home Reading, 14,316      Grand Total, 17,397.

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| <p>MR. M. BRIDGE—Emu's Egg.</p> <p>MR. R. BRIERCLIFFE—Flat-Iron from Mount Pelée (St. Pierre), showing ravages of Earthquake.</p> <p>MR. W. DAVIES—Lantern Slides (3) of Marine Specimens.</p> <p>CAPTAIN J. C. DRUMMOND—Fragment of Shell, picked up after the Battle of Colenso.</p> <p>REV. T. DUNLOP—A Collection of Coins, mainly copper, formed by the late Mr. Donald MacKillican.</p> <p>MR. A. FRENCH, Waterloo—A native tobacco pipe.</p> <p>MR. L. E. HOPE, Carlisle Museum—A Collection of British Birds' Eggs (60 Sets).</p> <p>MRS. J. JONES—A Canary in the flesh.</p> <p>MR. D. H. KENNEDY—Oil Painting, "By Stream and Mountain," painted by the Donor; Specimens of the Frigate Bird, Gannet, and White-bellied Petrel; Nest of Oven Bird.</p> <p>MR. F. MORRIS—A Razorbill (mounted).</p> <p>MRS. M. MORRISON—Photographic Panorama of Constantinople; Unpolished Rubies, etc., from Kimberley.</p> | <p>MESSRS. PHILLIPS &amp; MACCONNAL—Bell of the old-time Bootle Bellman.</p> <p>MR. T. PURVES, Aintree—Eimu Skins (two). Imperfect.</p> <p>MRS. ROBINSON—Raw Rubber; Rubber Beetle.</p> <p>MR. M. ROBINSON—Eleven Coins (various); Miniature Carved Ivory Elephant; Charms picked up on the Veldt during the South African War (5 objects).</p> <p>MR. R. J. ROSS—An Insect found on some Timber shipped from Savannah (U.S.A.).</p> <p>MR. W. D. SCHOLEFIELD—A Barn Owl, from Cerrig-y-Druidion, N. Wales.</p> <p>MR. E. SHORT—Birds' Eggs (various), 6 specimens.</p> <p>MR. C. TAYLOR—A Common Guillemot (young).</p> <p>CAPTAIN R. E. WARR—Stone Axe-head</p> <p>MR. G. E. WILLIAMS—Copper Coins (26), mostly ancient.</p> <p>MR. W. WILLIAMS—Lion's Skull, with clock inserted.</p> |
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| <p>MR. J. ARMSTRONG—Antique Table of Irish workmanship.</p> <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION—<i>See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.</i></p> <p>MR. C. COCKERHAM—Photogravure of Wylie's picture of the <i>S.S. Teutonic</i>; Enlargement in Oils of the Ship <i>Merchantman</i>; Photograph of Pro-</p> | <p>pellor Blades taken off <i>S.S. Yeoman</i>; Photograph of Model of Twin Screw Steamers <i>Monteagle</i> and <i>Montfort</i>.</p> <p>MR. A. E. HORROCKS—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).</p> <p>NATIONAL GALLERY BOARD—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.</p> |
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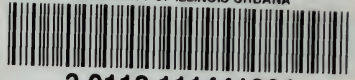








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